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A record of the Dardens, including their antecedents and descendants, who moved from Virginia to Wilkes County, Georgia and settled on Williams Creek, now a boundary between Taliaferro and Warren Counties, Georgia.

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## FOREWORD

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In the latter part of the eighteenth century numerous members of the Darden family migrated from Brunswick, Nansemond, and Isle of Wight Counties, Virginia, to Wilkes County, Georgia.

Wilkes County was created by the Constitution of February 5, 1777, from what was formerly known as Saint Paul's Parish. The county was extensive in area and from it several other counties were carved, in whole or in part, some of them being Elbert, Taliaferro, and Warren Counties.

As early as 1772 George Washington Darden, Revolutionary soldier (known as Dearden in Virginia), moved with his wife, Martha Durch Darden, and probably seven of their children, from Brunswick County, Virginia, to Wilkes County where their other five children were born.

Also among the early settlers in Wilkes County from Virginia was John Darden of Isle of Wight County, a Revolutionary War soldier who is buried at Heardmont in Elbert County, Georgia. He came to Wilkes County in 1788/89.

The principal settlement of Dardens in Georgia, however, was in the portion of Wilkes County that is now Taliaferro and Warren Counties and on Williams Creek and vicinity. Williams Creek now forms a portion of the boundary between Taliaferro and Warren Counties. This settlement included the brothers Stephen, Moses, Jethro, and Jacob Darden.

The earliest record of any "Williams Creek Darden" living in Georgia was the sale of 200 acres on Williams Creek to Stephen Darden November 18, 1785, by Mark Holloman (Clerk of Superior Court Records, Warren County, Georgia). Also listed among the organizers of the Williams Creek Baptist Church (constituted December 22, 1787) were Stephen, Jethro, and Josiah Darden. It is very probable some Dardens were living on or in the vicinity of Williams Creek prior to the dates mentioned above as both Stephen and Jacob were Revolutionary War soldiers.

This small book concerns primarily the antecedents and descendants of the aforementioned Stephen Darden of Williams Creek who was born in Nansemond County, Virginia, about 1750 and died in Warren County, Georgia, between February 16, 1806, and March 15, 1807.

In assembling this bit of record the Compiler has drawn, where necessary, on "The Darden Family History" compiled by Newton Jasper Darden and edited by Leroy W. Tilton, and books authored by John Bennett Boddie, Mountain View, California, for some of the information pertaining to early generations of Dardens. This has been done with the knowledge of both Mr. Tilton and Mr. Boddie and credit for the source is so indicated herein. To each the Compiler extends his grateful thanks.

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## OPINIONS CONCERNING ORIGINS

Page ix of "The Darden Family History" compiled by Newton Jasper Darden in 1953 gives the following opinions concerning the English origins:

Dearden, Darden.--Local of Dearden, or Duerden, or Durden. The precise spot seems to be Dearden, near Edenfield, Bury, co. Lancaster. The surname clung for a long time to the immediate district, as will be seen from the subjoined references: 1646, Robert Durden of Whitfield; 1640, George Durden of Love Clough, Wilts at Chester; 1631, Edward Duerden of Castleton; 1630, Elizabeth Dearden of Middletown; 1599, Thomas Dearden was Rector of Bury, Bains, Lancaster. (Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames, by Charles Waring Bardsley, M.A., London, 1901.)

Dearden.--Evidently local, perhaps from a place so called near Edenfield, in Bury, co. Lancaster. The Deardens of Rochdale Manor claim descent from Elias de Duerden, temp., Henry VI, but so early as the sixteenth century the name of Durden, Durdent, or Duredent is variously applied to a certain Knight who may have been a progeniter of the family. (Dictionary of Family Names of the United Kingdom, by Mark Antony Lower, M.A.; F.S.A.)

Dearden of the Orchard.--The ancient and modern pronunciation of the name of this family by natives of Lancashire, is Du-er-den; and Jacob in his Law Dictionary interprets it as a "thicket of wood" in a valley, giving Cowell as his authority. (Landed Gentry, by J. Bernard Burke, 1851.)

Also on page ix the following excerpt is given: "An interesting and very different possible origin of some American Durdens is suggested by Herbert Robertson's account of the English name Durdin (p. 62 of his Stemmata Robertson et Durdin). A Norman family of De Verdon settled at an early date in Essex where Durdins are found - at least as early as the 16th century. John Durdin, born in Essex circa 1590, migrated to Ireland in 1639 with a son Michael (b. in Essex ca 1615) and probably other children, and settled at Glanmire in co. Cork. When the Rebellion broke out, John and his family fled, in 1641 or 1642, to Norwich where his youngest child Mary was born in 1649 and baptised in St. George's Church. Michael returned to Cork and married Mary (or Anne) Cotten and their grandson Richard Durdin (b. 1746/7) settled at Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. It is evident that Stephen Durden or Dardon, who received his first grant in Virginia in 1649, could have been a son of John Durdin of Cork and Norwich and brother to Michael who was born in Essex circa 1615." The father of John Durdin (b. in Essex circa 1590) whose name was also John died in 1600/06 and is buried in Westminster Abbey.

The Compiler had a limited search made in Lancashire (Lancaster) County, England, for the birthplace and antecedents of Stephen Darden (Durden, Dearden, Durdent, Duerden, etc.) who migrated to Nansemond County, Virginia, 1640/49,

but no trace of him was found or any clue as to his parentage.

Dardens (and variants) live or are known to have lived in Essex, Wiltshire, Norfolk , Derbyshire, Yorkshire, Sussex, and Staffordshire Counties as well as Lancashire County, but at the present time no search has been made in the counties for the antecedents of the above mentioned Stephen Darden.

As for the probability that Stephen Darden (Nansemond County, Virginia) could have been a son of John Durdin of Cork and Norwich, the Compiler had a search made in the Genealogical Office, Dublin Castle, Dublin, Ireland, but again no trace of any record concerning Stephen was found.

Also because of the fact Richard Durdin (b. 1746/7), a grandson of Michael Durdin and Anne Cotter (not Mary Cotten) Durdin, "settled in Huntingdon, Pennsylavania" and whose uncle was related by marriage to William Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania, it was thought he too may have been an adherent of the Society of Friends. Consequently a search was made through the Religious Society of Friends, Dublin, Ireland, and in Huntington (Huntingdon), Pennsylvania, but no trace of Stephen or any relative was found.

Correspondence by the Compiler with the College of Arms, London, brought forth the interesting possibility concerning the name, as quoted here. "One has to bear in mind the origin of your surname, a nickname meaning 'hard tooth'---- your name could be a corruption of the two French words dur=hard and dent=tooth, and which together were used as a nickname.' "Roger Durdent is found in Sussex in c. 1150 (Abbey of BEC records, printed by the Camden Society, 3rd series, 73); William Durdent is mentioned in 1272 (Staffordshire Feet of Fines); and Nicholas Durdon in 1428 (Wiltshire Feudal Aids). There is also a place called Dearden near Edenfield, co. Lancaster, which might be the cause of the origin of the name in the case of some families. A person who left the village and settled elsewhere might well have been called John of Dearden, which designation could have become a surname."

# FOUR GENERATIONS IN VIRGINIA

## First Generation

Stephen[1] Darden (Durden) was born in 1611 according to information in the Genealogical Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Volume 22, Lineage Book of the National Society of Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America.

The Darden Family History, page 131 (Newton Jasper Darden, compiler), states: "Stephen 1 Durden emigrated to Virginia possibly with his wife and three children during the troublesome times of the latter part of the reign of Charles I (1625-1649).... His first land grant in Virginia, dated March 14, 1649, describes 150 acres of land on the eastward side of the northwest branch of the Nanzimum River in the Parish of Upper Norfolk.... Stephen[1] Durden may have been born about 1620, married about 1640, and emigrated from England or Wales about 1645 and settled on some of these lands before the grants were actually issued."

In an article by Mrs. Ruby Durden Buttrill, Jackson, Georgia, published in the Atlanta (Ga.) Sunday American, November 1, 1931, it is stated: "The first arrival in America was Stephen Durden who settled in Nansemond County, Virginia, in 1640. November 11, 1640 he received a grant of land (given at Williamsburg, Virginia) located in Upper Norfolk County, Virginia on the northwest branch of the Nansemond River." (The grant referred to above was made first to Thomas Brice and not to Stephen Durden. Land Grants, Nansemond County, Va., Book No. 2, 1643-1651, State Capitol Bldg., Richmond, Va. - Compiler.)

If Stephen[1] Durden was born "about 1620," he would seem to be rather young to have been the father of three children when he came to Nansemond County, Virginia, in 1640 as Mrs. Buttrill stated. It seems more likely he was born before 1620 (maybe as early as 1611) and came to Virginia in 1640/45.

The date of Stephen[1] Durden's death is established as between the date of his Will, February 19, 1679, and an "Order of the Generall Court dated the 28th of Sept. 1681," as indicated by the following excerpts quoted from the Darden Family History, page 131: "That he did make a Will is known from the wording of a grant on April 20, 1682, to his son, Jacob[2] Darden, for 435 acres of which 100 acres (part of the 1649 grant) had belonged to 'Stephen Darden, late of Nanzemond County, deceased, who by his last will and testament bearing date the 19th of February, 1679, bequeathed it to the aforesaid Jacob.'" This grant of 1682 continues: "The residue being deserved by said Stephen Darden was granted to the said Jacob by an Order of the Generall Court dated the 28 of Sept. 1681 and is due by and for the transportation of five persons." (Book 7, 137, Grants.)

Volume 22, Lineage Book of the National Society of Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America records that Stephen's death occurred "about 1681."

All efforts by the Compiler to locate the above mentioned Will of Stephen[1] Durden have been unsuccessful.

The children of Stephen[1] Darden (Durden) of Nansemond County, Virginia, and his wife Mary--(Vol. 22, Lineage Book of the National Society of Daughters of the Founders and Patriots of America) included:

1 Jacob[2] Darden (Durden) of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, born about 1641, died between February 17, 1718 and June 22, 1719. Married Anne Hill, born 1655, died in Beaufort Precinct, N.C. between Aug. 9, 1732 and March 1733. See below.

2 Stephen[2] Durden, born about 1643, died between January 11, 1709, the date of his Will, and April 10, 1710 when it was proved--Maryland Wills 13, 20; Annapolis (Darden Family History, page 155).

3 Richard[2] Durden of Maryland and Brunswick County, Virginia.

4 William[2] Durden of Baltimore County, Maryland.

5 John[2] Durden of Ann Arundel County, Maryland. Wife Elizabeth -----. Will dated October 9, 1715, proved March 9, 1716. Maryland Wills 14, 87; Annapolis (Darden Family History, page 132).

Second Generation

Jacob[2] Darden, probably the eldest son of Stephen[1] Darden (Durden), was born about 1641 (Darden Family History, page 133) or maybe earlier.

Vol. 22, Lineage Book of the National Society of Daughters of the Founders and Patriots of America, records that Jacob married Ann Hill in 1675, also that Ann was born in 1665 and died in 1716. Information in the Genealogical Library, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah, gives Ann's birth as 1655. No date of her marriage to Jacob is indicated. The same source gives the date of the birth of Stephen[3] Darden (see a following page, title, Third Generation in Virginia), the eldest child of Jacob and Ann, as 1671.

Also, as stated hereinbefore, Stephen[1] Darden "emigrated to Virginia possibly with his wife and three children ... about 1645." Maybe as early as 1640.

It seems evident from the foregoing that Jacob[2] Darden was born about 1641 or earlier and Ann about 1655 and not 1665 as recorded in Vol. 22, Lineage Book N.S.D. of Founders and Patriots of America. In this connection, it is possible that Ann Hill Darden was the daughter of Silvester (or Silvestra) Bennett (b. 1630, died 1706) who married Col. Nicholas Hill and had a daughter Anna (Ann, Anne) (Seventeenth Century Isle of Wight County, Virginia, page 635, by John Bennett Boddie). A letter to the Compiler, dated November 22, 1961, from Mr. Boddie indicates that he "inclines" to the same "possibility" but is without proof.

"The Will of Jacob[2] Darden of Isle of Wight County, dated April 14, 1717, was modified by a revocation dated February 17, 1718, and both these instruments were proved June 22, 1719 (Wills 2, 634, 657, Isle of Wight). The inventory of the estate dated September 28, 1719, was signed by the wife, Ann Darden, and a son Jacob[3] Darden, the named executors." (Darden Family History, page 133.) From the above quoted excerpts it is evident Jacob's death occurred between February 17, 1718, and June 22, 1719.

Ann (Jacob's widow) "seems to have moved to North Carolina with her sons Joseph and Samuel and married secondly a Mr. Leigh." "A Mrs. Leigh made her will in Beaufort Precinct, N.C., Aug. 9, 1732, probated March Court 1733. It is evident that she was Anne, the widow of Jacob[2] Darden of the Isle of Wight County who died in 1719." (Vol. 2, Southside Virginia Families, by John Bennett Boddie.) Thus Anne's death occurred between August 9, 1732, and March Court 1733, and not in 1716 as recorded in Vol. 22, Lineage Book, N.S.D. of Founders and Patriots in America.

"Jacob Darden made his will April 14, 1717, ..." and devised "to my son Stephen all land in Wainoke Neck; sons John and Benjamin all land where my son Jacob lives at Currawaugh to be equally divided; sons Jacob and Lawrence all land I live on after their Mother's death ...; son Samuel .... My son Jacob to have mill allowing his Mother 20 bu. of corn

meal yearly. Have given to sons Joseph and Henry no land, they to have 3,000 lbs. tobacco when 21; to Thomas Gile's child, my daughter's child 1 sh: and no more. (W. & D. 1-654, Isle of Wight.) (Vol. 2, Southside Virginia Families, by John Bennett Boddie.)

In addition the following excerpt is quoted from the Darden Family History, page 134: The will contains a clause which for some purposes seems to 'bar my sons Stephen, Jacob, Joseph, and Thomas Gile's child and their heirs forever ... except the heirs of John, Henry, Samuel, and Benjamin die without heirs.'

The children of Jacob[2] Darden and Ann Darden as named in the will dated April 14, 1717, and as indicated in the Darden Family History, pages 133 and 134, were as follows (the dates and places of births and marriages of all children shown are from records in the Genealogical Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah--Compiler):

1 Stephen[3] Darden, born about 1671 in Isle of Might County, Virginia, probably the heir, received 1 shilling in addition to all lands in Wainoke Neck.

2 John[3] Darden, born about 1673 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, received half of the lands at Corecouck, or Currawaugh, on which Jacob[3] Darden was living at the time.

3 Benjamin[3] Darden, born about 1675 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, received half of the lands at Corecouck, or Currawaugh, on which Jacob[3] Darden was living at the time.

4. Jacob[3] Darden, born about 1677 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, married Mary _____ 1707. Co-executor with his mother, Ann, received immediate possession of the mill and half of the home plantation after his mother's death or marriage.

5 Samuel[3] Darden, born about 1679 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, received half of the home plantation after his mother's death or marriage. This patrimony he sold to his brother Joseph and went to North Carolina ....

6 Lawrence[3] Darden. The account of bequests by Jacob[2] Darden in his will dated April 14, 1717, and as shown in Southside Virginia Families by John Bennett Boddie, states sons Jacob and Lawrence all land I live on after their mother's death. This is the only record known to the Compiler of a son Lawrence. Information in the Genealogical Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah, does not include a son Lawrence.

7 Henry[3] Darden, born about 1681 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, like Joseph (see below) received no land but 3,000 lbs. of tobacco at age of 21 years at the discretion of his mother. Henry Darden may have married Mary Pope, daughter of John Pope, who in his will dated Feb. 1, 1748, pvd. July 14, 1751 (Southampton

Wills 1749-1800) names a dau., Mary Darden, and and a grandson, Henry4 Darden," (Darden Family History, page 133.)

8 Joseph3 Darden, born about 1683 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, "received no land by his father's will but all of the cattle at Wainoke Neck. A legacy of 3,000 lbs. of tobacco was revoked and left to his mother's discretion. It is shown by deed from Jacob4 Darden in 1749 to his brother Charles4 Darden, that Joseph3 Darden purchased his brother Samuel's patrimony of 237 acres, one-half of the home plantation ...." (Darden Family History, page 133).

9 Eleanor3 Darden, date of birth unknown, "was probably one of the older ch. She m. Wm. Smelley (Will, Aug. 5, 1689, pvd. Aug. 9, 1692) according to Boddie's 17th Century Isle of Wight Co., Va., p. 222. Eleanor Darden m., 2d, Thomas Gile who was a Burgess in 1700-1702. Their dau. received 1 shilling by the Will of Jacob2."

No other children of Jacob2 Darden and his wife Ann are mentioned in the Darden Family History, compiled by Newton Jasper Darden; however, there were two other children:

10. Ann, born about 1685 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, married ------- Adams, and

11 Jane, born about 1687 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, married ------- Watkins

are mentioned in Anne Darden Leigh's will made in "Beaufort Precinct, N.C., Aug. 9, 1732, probated March Court 1733" according to "Southside Virginia Families" by John Bennett Boddie and quoted as follows: "She bequeathed to son Samuel Darden a plantation with three negroes; mentions son Joseph Darden; daughters Ann Adams and Jane Watkins; grandsons Jacob Darden and James Adams; granddaughters Sarah Adams and Mary Watkins. The executor was Samuel Darden, evidently her son (Grimes 213)."

Jacob2 Darden died prior to "Sept. 28, 1719" and his wife Ann died prior to "March Court 1733." Ann Darden Adams' birth occurred "about 1685" and Jane Darden Watkins' birth "about 1687." Thus Ann and Jane were children of Jacob2 and his wife Ann and not, as might be thought, children of Ann's marriage to Mr. Leigh.

Third Generation

Stephen[3] Darden (Jacob[2], Stephen[1] ) was born about 1671 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia.

The following excerpts are quoted from the Darden Family History by N. J. Darden:

"Stephen's first grant of 54 acres, dated June 16, 1714, adjoining Robert Carr's land. He must have had it surveyed and lived on it earlier because in November 1713 he owned land adjoining that of John Cotton. Grants were obtained by Stephen in Nansemond County in 1728 for 300 acres, in 1730 for 45 acres, and in 1731 for 25 acres." "In Isle of Wight County he obtained 350 acres, later called 'Southampton', in February 1724."

"It is probable that Stephen married Elizabeth Carr, daughter of Robert Carr. The will of Robert Carr, wife Mary, daughter Elizabeth Darden, etc., was dated May 10, 1734, and proved May 26, 1735 in Isle of Wight County (I.W. Wills 4,59).

"The land grant of 304 acres made to Stephen Darden, dated August 30, 1743 (Book 21, 568) may have been made to Stephen[3] or possibly to a Stephen[4] Darden. Likewise, the processioning of lands within the 'bounds of No. 14' as ordered by the Vestry of the Upper Parish of Nansemond on August 31, 1747, may have been performed by Stephen[3] with James Holland and others, or possibly by a Stephen[4] Darden."
Note: A study of the "Vestry Book of Upper Parish, Nansemond County, Virginia, 1743-1793" by the Compiler created the opinion the above mentioned order of "August 31, 1747" was performed by Stephen[4] Darden with James Holland and others and not by Stephen[3] Darden.

"That Stephen[3] Darden of Nansemond made a will and died before November 9, 1752 is revealed by a deed of that date signed by four of his sons (Southampton Deeds 1, 398), probably a partition deed among 5 of his sons.

Note: The deed of November 9, 1752, names Jacob Darden, Carr Darden, Moses Darden, and Jethro Darden,"of Nansemond County" and Robert Darden of same County, and is signed by Jacob Darden, Carr Darden, Moses Darden, and Jethro Darden. Witnesses, A. Jones, Arthur Arrington, and Richard Williams. Compiler.

The children of Stephen[3] Darden and his wife Elizabeth Carr Darden included:

1 Stephen[4] Darden. He may have been the grantee of 304 acres in 1743 and also the processioner of 1747 in Nansemond County as mentioned above. The Vestry Book of Upper Parish, Nansemond County, Virginia, 1743-1793, mentions numerous orders by the Vestry with reference to Stephen Darden within the period of August 31, 1747 to December 19, 1775.
The lists of heads of families, 1784, as printed in the 1790 Census of Nansemond County, show Elizabeth Darden with 5 whites and no dwelling, perhaps living with Stephen[4] Darden, 5 whites, 2 dwellings, and 13

other buildings. In the census itself reconstructed from county records, Elizabeth Darden is listed with 5 whites and 13 blacks and Stephen4 with 4 whites and 8 blacks.

2 Jacob 4 Darden, of Nansemond County, signed the partition deed of November 9, 1752. On December 1, 1763, with his wife Catherine he sold to John Lawrence their home place of 187 acres with grist mill and 50 acres in another tract. On October 20, 1764, a council at Wilmington, N.C. granted a petition by Jacob Durdin for a survey of 325 acres in Beaufort County, N.C. Jacob's grandmother, Ann Darden Leigh, who died in Beaufort Precinct, named a grandson Jacob Darden in her will.

3 Carr4 Darden "married Ann _ _ _ _" and he signed the partition deed of November 9, 1752, and was then of Nansemond County. He probably died before 1760 and shortly before his death may have moved to North Carolina with his younger children. On the other hand he may have died in Nansemond county, Virginia. His youngest son, Carr5 Darden,"born eight months after the death of his own father" migrated to Robertson County, Tennessee, where his descendants now live.

4 Moses4 Darden, wife Prusanna, and, while living in Nansemond County, signed the partition deed of November 9, 1752. Based on other authentic records concerning his activities he very probably died in Nansemond County. - - - -

5 Jethro4 Darden, also of Nansemond County, Virginia, signed the partition deed of November 9, 1752. His birth probably occurred about 1731 or earlier since he appears to have been the youngest of the four brothers who signed the partition deed and was of age at the time.
It is very evident Jethro4 Darden was not the Jethro Darden mentioned in the Compendium of American Genealogy (6,139) as having a son, Jonathan Darden, who married Martha Stone but rather was his uncle. Jethro Darden, father-in-law of Martha Stone Darden, was brother of Stephen5 Darden, Moses5 Darden, and Jacob5 Darden who settled on Williams Creek in Wilkes County, Georgia, in the early 1780's-1790's and was the same J. Darden whose undated will was probated in Monroe County, Georgia, July 3, 1837 (Wills, Book A, page 110, Monroe County).

6 Robert4 Darden, of Nansemond County, Virginia, married Mary ----- . He purchased his brothers' interest in 300 acres in Isle of Wight County called "Southampton" as evidenced by a deed, dated November 9, 1752, to him by "Jacob Darden, Carr and wife Ann Darden, Moses and wife Prusanna Darden, and Jethro Darden." "Southampton was a grant of 350 acres, dated February 24, 1724, to his father Stephen3 Darden and by the purchase Robert4 became sole owner of the plantation. All parties were living in Nansemond County at the time.
Note: The foregoing information concerning Stephen3 Darden and his children is taken in the main, from the Darden Family History, compiled by Newton Jasper Darden, and information

furnished by Mrs. Raymond F. Staples, Marion, N.C. - Compiler.

7 Elisha[4] Darden. The Darden Family History, page 136, says possibly Elisha was a son of Stephen[3] Darden and Elizabeth Carr Darden but Mrs. Raymond Staples lists him as a son beyond question. An Elisha Darden was Insoign in the Northampton Regiment of Militia in 1748 and in the 7th Company of Northampton Foot in 1754/5. (Colonial Records, North Carolina, 22, pages 273, 309.)
This could have been Elisha[4] Darden.

## Fourth Generation

Stephen$^4$ Darden (Stephen$^3$, Jacob$^2$, Stephen$^1$). The Compiler has been unable to find any record of Stephen$^4$ Darden in Georgia (Wilkes, Warren, Taliaferro Counties) that would in any way identify him as being one of the brothers (Stephen, Jacob, Moses, Jethro Darden) who settled on or in the vicinity of Williams Creek in 1780's - 1790's, then in Wilkes County but now in Warren County, or that he ever lived in Georgia.

The late Miss Leila Darden of Kingston, Georgia, a great great granddaughter of Stephen$^5$ Darden of Williams Creek, furnished information from her father, Hubbard Darden, and aunt, Virginia Elizabeth (Darden) Culpepper (Moses$^6$), Stephen$^5$, Stephen$^4$, Stephen$^3$, Jacob$^2$, Stephen$^1$ )that Stephen$^5$ Darden was a son of Stephen$^4$ Darden of Virginia. Also information from Miss Leila Darden substantiates the fact that no record has been found that Stephen$^4$ ever lived in Georgia.

As stated heretofore a study of the "Vestry Book of Upper Parish, Nansemond County, Virginia, 1743-1793" by the Compiler, creates the opinion that the Stephen Darden mentioned therein was Stephen$^4$Darden. This likewise applies to Jacob, Moses, Jethro, and Elisha Darden, who are mentioned therein in the period of March 27, 1744 to February 21, 1785, as being of the fourth generation from Stephen$^1$Darden.

The children of Stephen$^4$Darden (wife unknown) but not necessarily in order of birth included the following, all of whom lived on or in the vicinity of Williams Creek in Wilkes County, Georgia, later Warren County:

1 Stephen$^5$Darden, born in Virginia about 1750, died in Warren County, Georgia, between February 6, 1806, and March 15, 1807 (Minutes of Williams Creek Baptist Church). Married Ann Ellington about 1775. Ann was born in Virginia about 1760, died in Warren County, Georgia, in 1829. See below.

2 Jacob$^5$ Darden, date of birth unknown, died before November 3, 1817. Wife Phoebe Rogers.

3 Moses$^5$ Darden, date of birth unknown, died possibly between 1818 and December 20, 1827. Wife unknown.

4 Possibly Elisha Darden (see below "Elisha Darden of Williams Creek").

5 Jethro$^5$ Darden, date of birth unknown, died prior to July 3, 1837, in Monroe County, Georgia. Wife Ellender Perkins.

DARDENS OF WILLIAMS CREEK, WARREN COUNTY, GEORGIA

The earliest record of any Darden living on Williams Creek, the Compiler has found, is mentioned in Deed Book D, pages 89-90, Warren County, Georgia, when on November 18, 1785, Mark Holloman conveyed to Stephen5 Darden 200 acres on Williams Creek. On March 31, 1795, Stephen sold the 200 acres to Ignatius Few. Warren County was created in part from Wilkes County by an act of the State Legislature December 17, 1793.

On September 18, 1941, the late Miss Leila Darden of Kingston, Georgia (great great granddaughter of Stephen5 Darden), wrote the Georgia State Department of Archives and History: "My revolutionary ancestor Stephen Darden with his brothers and a host of kindred ties were natives of Virginia and located in Wilkes County about 1783." Also in the same letter she wrote: "Among early Dardens locating in Wilkes and Warren Counties we find Stephen Darden, Jacob Darden, Jethro Darden, Moses Darden ...." Unfortunately the information accumulated by Miss Leila over a period of years was destroyed by vandalism some years prior to her death on July 2, 1959; consequently the source of authentic information on which her statements were based is not available.

In 1783-1784 Stephen Darden was paid £18 Virginia Currency in Hillsboro District, North Carolina, for sundries furnished or militia duty performed (N.C. Historical Commission, Book C, page 128).

Again, Stephen Darden was living in Wilkes County in 1785 in Captain Alexander's District where he paid three polls for himself and four slaves.

On March 15, 1798, Moses Darden of Williams Creek sold land in Warren County to Elisha Pruitt (Deed Book A, page 461, Warren County).

On January 20, 1810, Jacob Darden was received "by experience" into membership in the Williams Creek Baptist Church (Church minutes) and on November 3, 1817, "Phoebe Rogers Darden, relict of Jacob Darden" made choice of her dower in the distribution of her deceased husband's estate. (Warren County Miscellaneous Records, page 45.)

On March 31, 1795, Jethro Darden sold Stephen Darden 60 acres (Deed Book D, page 91, Warren County).

It is evident that Stephen Darden moved from Virginia to North Carolina (or at least performed service in North Carolina during the Revolution), then to Wilkes County, Georgia, about 1783 to 1785. Very probably the brothers all moved to Wilkes County about the same time or somewhat later.

STEPHEN DARDEN OF WILLIAMS CREEK

Stephen[5] Darden, Revolutionary War soldier, was born in Virginia about 1750 and died between February 16, 1806, when his name appears for the last time in the minutes of the Williams Creek Baptist Church (organized 1787), and May 4, 1807, when an appraisement was made of his estate. (Recorded August 4, 1807, Warren County Record of Inventories, etc., 1794-1808.)

It is reported that Stephen is buried at Williams Creek Baptist Church. If that is correct, there is no visible evidence to support it. Also a search by the Compiler of the family cemetery on Stephen's old plantation revealed no marker to indicate he is buried there.

On the Court House lawn in Warrenton, Georgia, a bronze tablet, erected by the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution June 14, 1940, lists Stephen Darden and Jacob Darden as Revolutionary War soldiers. The tablet also has the following inscription:

"To the soldiers found to date
Buried in Warren County
Who fought in the war for American independence -
1776-1783,"

but Mrs. C. W. Matthews of Warrenton informed the Compiler July 8, 1958, that the graves of Stephen and Jacob were never found.

Stephen[5] Darden married Ann Ellington about 1775. Ann was born in Virginia about 1760 and died in Warren County, Georgia about 1829.

It is said by some that Stephen married Ann about 1780. That is erroneous as Zachariah Darden, the eldest child of Stephen and Ann, was born in Virginia in 1775 (Census 1850) or 1776 as shown on his gravestone and in the family Bible in the Compiler's possession.

It is very probable when Stephen and Ann moved to Wilkes County they had at least three children, Zachariah, Micajah, and Sally.

Stephen[5] Darden was one of the charter members of The Church of Christ on Williams Creek, constituted by John Thomas 22nd Decr. 1787, having in number thirty-seven members. The church still functions and is now known as the Williams Creek Baptist Church.

November 16, 1785, Mark Holloman sold to Stephen Darden 200 acres on Williams Creek and March 31, 1795, Stephen sold the 200 acres to Ignatius Few (Deed Book D, pages 89-90. Warren County).

Ann Darden, widow of Stephen[5] Darden; and Jethro Darden, Sr., were appointed administrators of Stephen's estate as indicated by the following excerpts quoted from "Warren County Administrations, etc., 1795-1809, page 115":

"Know all men by these presents Nancy (Ann) Dardin, Jethro Dardin, Jacob Dardin, Jethro Dardin, Sr., and William Dardin are held and firmly bound unto the Court of Ordinary in the sum of eight thousand dollars ...."

"The condition of the above allegation is such that if the above bound Nancy Dardin and Jethro Dardin, administrators of the goods, chattels, and credits of Stephen Dardin, deceased ...." (Recorded January 25, 1809.) Note: Mention of Jethro Darden and Jethro Darden, Sr., in the same paragraph is probably a duplication. It was probably Jethro Darden, Sr., who was co-administrator with Ann as Jethro Darden, Jr., was only about 14 years of age at the time. Compiler.

May 7, 1810,"this day widow Anna Darden came into open court and maketh choice of one third part of the estate of Stephen Darden, deceased, ... " (Miscellaneous Records, page 82, Warren County.)

May 3, 1813, Ann Darden, Moses Darden (brother of Stephen), and Jethro Darden were appointed guardians of Nicholas Darden and Moses Darden, minor children of Stephen Darden, and Martha Clower, granddaughter of Stephen Darden and child of Sally Darden Clower and Jacob (Jack) Clower.

Wilkes County Remnant Tax Digest, 1792-1793-1794, mentions Stephen Darden, 3 polls, 4 slaves.

The children of Stephen Darden and Ann Ellington Darden were:

1 Zachariah Darden, born 1775/76, died December 24, 1851. Married Nancy O. Ellington about 1803. See below.

2. Micajah Darden, born about 1780. Married Dicey Darden in Warren County November 10, 1800. Listed in Capt. E. Baker's District in 1805 with 1 poll, 3 slaves, and 129 acres on Williams Creek and in 1811 with 1 poll, 4 slaves, and 129 acres.

3 Sally Darden, born about 1782. Married first Jacob (Jack) Clower in Warren County December 7, 1800; and had at least one child, Matilda Clower. Married 2nd James Lockett December 10, 1810. Sally Darden may have died prior to May 13, 1813, for on that date Matilda Clower's grandmother Ann Darden, widow, was appointed her guardian. (Warren County Administrations, 1796-1816.) Matilda Clower married David Darden (son of Jacob Darden), her second cousin, December 23, 1819.

4 Clotilda (Dicey) Darden, born about 1786. Married John Chafin December 15, 1806.

5 Mary (Polly) Darden, born about 1790. Married Joseph Johnston June 6, 1809. Joseph Johnston was listed in Capt. Rogers' District in 1818 with 1 poll, 7 slaves, and 265 acres on Redlick Creek.

6 Jethro Darden, Jr., born about 1795. Married Eady Darden (daughter of Jacob Darden), his first cousin, May 9, 1815, in Warren County. Jethro Darden, Jr., was admitted to membership in the Williams Creek Baptist Church October 15, 1809. Clerk in 1830. March 2, 1829, he was appointed administrator of his mother's estate (Ann Darden, deceased). He represented Warren County in the State Legislature 1837-1843. Jethro and Eady Darden had at least three children,

Christopher C. Darden; Nancy Darden married William M. Moore; Betsey Darden.

7 Nicholas Darden, date of birth unknown, no record of any marriage. As stated above on May 3, 1813, Ann Darden (widow of Stephen Darden), Moses Darden, and Jethro Darden were appointed guardians of Nicholas Darden, Moses Darden, minor children of Stephen Darden, and Matilda Clower, granddaughter of Stephen and Ann Darden (Warren County Administrations, 1796-1816). Warren County Returns of Estates, 1811-1826, Book B, page 52, mentions an item of board for Zachariah Darden, Nicholas Darden, Moses Darden, children of Stephen Darden, deceased, and Matilda Clower, granddaughter of Stephen, for the years 1808, 1809, 1810, 1811, 1812. Also in the same Book B, page 57, Nicholas is mentioned as one of the recipients in a division of personal property of Stephen Darden, deceased.

8 Elisha Darden. Pages 175 and 176, Darden Family History, compiled by Newton Jasper Darden, suggest this Elisha Darden may have been Elisha4 Darden of Nansemond County, Virginia, which is based on information from the late Miss Leila Darden of Kingston, Georgia, and from which the following is quoted: "When speaking of visits by her father (b. 1849) to his aged mother (b. 1810) says ... 'our great great uncle Elisha Darden's advanced age of 96 and almost blindness leaving the most lasting impression on my recollections.'" November 7, 1958, Miss Leila stated to the Compiler the visit referred to above occurred in 1890 or 1891, thus making the birth of this Elisha in 1794 or 1795.

Also, as Miss Leila Darden referred to him as her great great uncle he would have been a brother of her great grandfather, Moses Darden (b. 1800), son of Stephen3 Darden and Ann Darden of Williams Creek. This is also in accord with the application of Miss Grace Darden, of Birmingham, Alabama, for membership in the National Society, Daughters of American Revolution (National No. 284585) wherein Lisha Darden is included as a son of Stephen and Ann. Davison's Early Records of Georgia, Volume 2, Wilkes County, page 307, lists the Elisha Darden who married ------ Weaver as the son of Stephen and Ann Darden. Therefore this Elisha was not a brother of Stephen, Moses, Jacob, and Jethro Darden of Williams Creek but rather a nephew. There definitely were two Elisha Dardens in Wilkes and Warren Counties, Georgia. (1) The probable father of Josiah Darden (Darden Family History, page 176) and believed by the Compiler to be Elisha4 Darden of Nansemond County, Virginia, a son of Stephen3 Darden and Elizabeth Carr Darden. (2) Elisha Darden (b. 1794/5), a son of Stephen5 Darden and Ann Ellington Darden of Williams Creek, who married ------- Weaver and died in Monroe County, Georgia.

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The children of Elisha Darden and ----- Weaver according to the Darden Family History, page 176, were: (a) Green Darden, married May 24, 1826, Luroney Darden and had a son John Weaver Darden. The minutes of the Williams Creek Baptist Church of October 16, 1824, record that Luroney Darden was a daughter of Jethro Darden of Williams Creek; (b) James Darden of Monroe County, Georgia; (c) Henry Weaver Darden, married Martha (Chambliss) Simms or (Simms) Chambliss and had Sarah Elizabeth Darden; (2) Boliver Green Darden who died young; (3) James Roambus Darden, born June 2, 1834, lived in Milford, Texas; (4) Louisa Weaver Darden, born 1836; (5) Martha Ann Darden, died July 1892; (6) Lucinda Warren Darden, died young; (7) William Henry Darden, born July 8, 1843, lived in Meridian, Texas; (8) Palmira Love (d) Permelia Darden, married in Monroe County, Ga. /Darden Note: All of the dates of marriages given above were obtained from the marriage records in Warren County, Georgia. Compiler.

9 Moses Darden, born August 31, 1800. Married 1st Nancy Wynn July 13, 1820, and 2nd Elizabeth Stephens June 19, 1834. See below.

ZACHARIAH DARDEN

Zachariah Darden, the eldest child of Stephen[5] Darden and Ann Ellington Darden, was born in Virginia in 1775 (U. S. Census, 1850) or 1776 according to the inscription on his gravestone in the cemetery of the old South Liberty Presbyterian Church near Raytown, Taliaferro County, Georgia, reading: "Died Dec. 24, 1851, Age 75 years." The family Bible now in the Compiler's possession also gives the date of his death as December 24, 1851.

Zachariah Darden married Nancy Ellington, daughter of David Ellington and Jane Ellington, then of Wilkes County, Georgia, in 1803. The date of the marriage of Zachariah and Nancy is based on the birth of their oldest child, Cynthia Darden, June 26, 1804, and the U.S. Census, 1850, that records her age as 47 years in 1850. Nancy Ellington was born in Virginia in 1785 (U.S. Census, 1850) and died in Taliaferro County, Georgia, "July 1, 1861, Age 76 years" (Gravestone) and is buried near her husband in the cemetery of the old South Liberty Presbyterian Church near Raytown, Georgia.

Zachariah Darden was a lieutenant in the "158 District Company" and resigned in 1813. January 1, 1816, he witnessed the will of Irby Dewberry, probated February 5, 1816. Warren County Returns of Estates, 1811-1826, Book B, page 52, mentions an item of board for Zachariah Darden and in the same Book B, page 57, he is mentioned as one of the recipients in a division of personal property of Stephen Darden, deceased. In 1818 Zachariah was listed in Capt. Grier's District with 1 poll, 2 slaves, and 200 acres on Beaverdam Creek, with neighbor Dewberry. Also in 1818 Joseph Johnson listed in

Captain Rogers' District 1 poll, 1 slave, and 210 acres on Reddick Creek for Zachariah Darden, Jr. (Darden Family History, page 171.) Zachariah, Junior, is erroneous as there was only one Zachariah (1775/6-1851).

March 5, 1821, Jane Ellington (widow), executrix of estate of David Ellington, deceased, included in a return of Administration, "account of slave sold to Zachariah Darden" (Wilkes County Returns of Administrations and Guardians, 1819-1826, page 271). Returns of Daniel DuPree, executor of estate of David Ellington, deceased, mentions "Receipt of Zachariah Darden 1830 in part of his legacy" and on January 2, 1829, returns on David Ellington's estate mentions "Paid Zachariah H. Darden . . . (Wilkes County, Original papers, 1777-1830.)

May 17, 1828, Zachariah Darden and Jane Darden were "received by experience" into membership of the Williams Creek Baptist Church and November 15, 1828, "On the application of Zechariah Darden a letter of 'Dismission' is granted to him and his wife Jane ...." (Minutes of Williams Creek Baptist Church.) Reference to Jane as the wife of Zachariah is an error on the part of the Church Clerk. Jane was Zachariah's mother-in-law (Jane Ellington), not his wife.

The children of Zachariah Darden and Nancy O. (Ellington) Darden were:

1 Cynthia Darden, born June 26, 1804, in Taliaferro County, Georgia. Married Larkin R. Gunn July 22, 1826. See below.

2 America Darden, born 1808. Married Warren Andrews December 30, 1830. See below.

3 David Ellington Darden, born 1810 in Wilkes County, Georgia. Married 1st Mary Ann Parker November 18, 1834; m. 2nd Eugenia Ann Dyer March 17, 1842; m. 3rd Sarah Jane Moore September 7, 1846; m. 4th Amanda T. Flynt August 21, 1849. See below.

4 Elizabeth Darden, born 1815 in Wilkes County, Georgia, died prior to 1851. Married Bryant Ivy.

5 Martha Darden, born 1819. Married Absalom Perkins November 26, 1837. See below.

6 Moses Darden, born 1820/22. Married Aletha Wilder August 4, 1840. See below.

7 Jesse E. Darden, born 1824 (School Record, Taliaferro County, Georgia), date of death unknown, buried in cemetery on site of old South Liberty Presbyterian Church near Raytown, Georgia. Married 1st Rebecca Ann Clemmons December 13, 1846, who died in 1881 and is buried at old South Liberty Presbyterian Church site near Raytown, Georgia. Jesse and Rebecca had at least one child, Nancy C. (Bootie) Darden, who was born in 1849 (U.S. Census, 1850), married ----- Smith. Jesse E. Darden married 2nd Louisa Williams in Crawfordville, Georgia, January 1, 1885.

8 Dr. William Boliver Darden, born May 4, 1828. Married Mary E. Wright October 30, 1850. See below.

Cynthia Darden

Cynthia Darden, eldest child of Zachariah Darden and Nancy (Ellington) Darden, born June 26, 1804, in Wilkes County, Georgia, in the portion that later became Taliaferro County, died July 18, 1901, in Chambers County, Alabama. Married July 22, 1826, Larkin R. Gunn in Taliaferro County, Georgia. Larkin Gunn (son of Richard Gunn, Revolutionary War soldier, and Elizabeth Radford Gunn) was born August 24, 1802, in Oglethorpe County, Georgia, then a part of Wilkes County, Georgia, died March 24, 1885, in Chambers County, Alabama where he and Cynthia had moved in 1838.

Cynthia is buried in the cemetery of Providence Baptist Church, Chambers County, Alabama. The inscription on her tombstone reads "Sacred to the memory of Mrs. Cynthia Gunn - born June 26, 1804 - died July 18, 1901.

Larkin R. Gunn is buried in the family cemetery of A. L. Sims, in Chambers County, Alabama. The cemetery record gives his birth as August 24, 1802, and death as February 27, 1855.

The children of Cynthia and Larkin Gunn were:

1 Leonidus Gunn, born April 13, 1827, in Taliaferro County, Georgia, died in 1870 in Oxford, Alabama. Married Angie Lockhart November 2, 1852. The children of Leonidus and Angie (Lockhart) Gunn: Minnie Lee Gunn, married John A. Smythe of Grand View, Texas, and had eight children; E. F. Gunn, Bay City, Texas, had one child; George B. Gunn, Pecos, Texas, had five children; Charles Gunn died young.

2 Nancy E. (Nannie) Gunn, born June 21, 1829, in Taliaferro County, Georgia, died January 13, 1908. Married about 1846 James H. Barrow who was born in Putnam County, Georgia, October 29, 1821, died January 16, 1908. James H. Barrow served in the Alabama State Legislature from Chambers County in 1873. He was ordained a deacon at Providence Baptist Church Dece ber 21, 1846. Both Nancy E. and James H. Barrow are buried in the Providence Baptist Church cemetery, in Chambers County. Their children: Mary J. Barrow, born 1850 (U.S. Census 1847); Josiah Barrow, born 1849/50, was six months of age when the U. S. Census 1850 was taken; Eugene E. Barrow, born June 3, 1855, died August 23, 1885. United with Providence Baptist Church July 24, 1878 (Tombstone, Providence Baptist Church cemetery).

3 Simeon Gunn, born May 2, 1834, in Taliaferro County, Georgia, date of death unknown. Married Elizabeth Perkins March 30, 1856, of Taliaferro County, Georgia. Their children: Larkin R. Gunn, Jr., born December 23, 1856; Arthur T. Gunn, born February 18, 1863; Robert H. Gunn, born December 16, 1866; Reuben Gunn, died young, never married.

America Darden

America Darden, daughter of Zachariah Darden and Nancy (Ellington) Darden, born 1808 in Taliaferro County, Georgia (then part of Wilkes County), died in Greene County, Georgia, August 3/7, 1888. She married December 30, 1830, Warren Andrews of Taliaferro County who was born September 3, 1803, died March 9, 1885. Both America and Warren Andrews united with the Salem Baptist Church, near Black Log, in Taliaferro County, in 1837 and are buried in the White Plains Baptist Church cemetery, Green County.

The children of America and Warren Andrews not necessarily in order of birth: (a) Marshall Z. Andrews, born in Taliaferro County, married Mary Reid, buried in Crawfordville, Taliaferro County, Georgia; (b) L. M. Andrews, M.D.; (c) Mary Andrews, never married, died December 1, 1919, buried in Greene County, Georgia; (d) Samantha Andrews, married January 22, 1882, James Robert Holliday, buried in Raytown, Taliaferro County; (e) John V. Andrews, born September 10, 1845, in Taliaferro County, died June 27, 1914, buried in Crawfordville, Taliaferro County; (f) Mattie Andrews, married Joseph Brocme..

Note: The information concerning America and Warren Andrews and their children was obtained by J.D. Nash, Crawfordville, Georgia, from Taliaferro County records and issues of Crawfordville Advocate-Democrat, local newspaper. Compiler.

DAVID ELLINGTON DARDEN

David Ellington Darden, the oldest son of Zachariah Darden and Nancy Ellington Darden, was born in 1810 and died at Raytown, Taliaferro County, Georgia, November 28, 1873. He lived in Taliaferro County all of his life, was a farmer and merchant, and is buried in the cemetery on the site of the old South Liberty Presbyterian Church near Raytown, of which he became a member in 1838. The inscription on his grave states he died Nov. 28, 1873 age 63 years. His family Bible, now in the Compiler's possession, likewise gives Nov. 28, 1873, as the date of his death.

David Ellington Darden was an"elder"in the old South Liberty Presbyterian Church in 1838. The first regular service of the church was held in a log cabin on the"first Sunday in May 1828." The log church was replaced by a frame building in 1855 which was moved to Sharon, Taliaferro County, Georgia, in 1877 where it now stands.

David E. Darden was married first to Mary Ann Parker November 18, 1834, who died September 26, 1838 (Family Bible). One child was born to this union, Mary Eleanor Darden, July 1, 1836, died November 1, 1851 (Family Bible). Mary Ann Parker Darden and her daughter, Mary Eleanor Darden, are buried in the cemetery on the site of the old South Liberty Presbyterian Church.

His second marriage was to Eugeneia Ann Dyer March 17, 1842, who died July 18, 1844. Both dates are from his family Bible. No children were born of this marriage. Eugenia Ann Dyer Darden is also buried in the old South Liberty Presbyterian Church cemetery.

His third marriage was to Sarah Jane Moore September 7, 1846. She died January 14, 1848, and is buried in the old South Liberty Church cemetery. No children were born of this union. Dates are from his family Bible.

His fourth marriage was to Amanda T. Flynt, August 21, 1849 (Family Bible) and to this union were born six children. See below. Amanda T. Flynt was born in 1825, died August 15, 1885 (Family Bible), and is buried about sixteen miles southwest of Forsyth, Monroe County, Georgia, in the private cemetery on the old plantation of Joshua Davis (1799-1871). Joshua Davis presumably was the father of M. C. D. Davis, the husband of Frances Barthella Darden (daughter of David E. Darden and Amanda (Flynt) Darden, whom she was visiting at the time of her death.

Amanda (Flynt) Darden's maternal grandfather was ------- Gist, born in Germany and moved to Knoxville, Tennessee, where a daughter Barthella Gist was born. Amanda's paternal grandfather was ------- Flynt, born in Wales, married Sarah Reese, born in Scotland. They lived in Columbia County, Georgia, where a son, George Washington Flynt, was born. George Washington Flynt married 1st Barthella Gist and had children Anna Frances (married Mitchel), America (married Taylor), Amanda T. (married David E. Darden), Oliver, and John. He married 2nd Elizabeth O'Niell, born in Ontario, Canada, children George W., Jr., Henry, Thomas, Michael, Nicholas, Jennie (married Sims), Sarah (married Keating), Katherine (married Moore), Bessie (married Bugg).

George Washington Flynt is buried in the first Catholic Cemetery to be located in Georgia and on the farm of George B. Darden, Sr. (grandson of David E. Darden) near Sharon, Georgia.

David Ellington Darden made a will November 25, 1873, his wife, Amanda, and brothers Moses, Jesse, and William B. were appointed executors. Wife was appointed, "Guardian of the person and property of each and every one of my children until they become of age."

Children of David Ellington Darden and Amanda (Flynt) Darden:

1 Frances Barthella Darden, born September 7, 1850 (family Bible). Married M.C.D. Davis in Taliaferro County, Georgia, November 25, 1875. Died in Mart, Texas. They had one child, Lillie Orange (Davis) Strange, born August 25, 1876, living in Mart, Texas, in 1957. Barthella Darden received from her father's estate "ninety acres of land lying on Beaverdam Creek running up to the old Double Wells Road where said land intersects Mrs. D. Meadow's plantation: also the money arising from the sale of Kit and Jack mules sold to Deed Grier for Two Hundred Dollars."

2 Ann Virginia Darden, born January 24, 1852, died February 27, 1854 (Family Bible).

3 Eugene Emmett Darden, born April 15, 1854 (Family Bible), in Taliaferro County, Georgia, died October 18, 1910. Married Mary Ellen Keating October 28, 1880. See below.

4 George Ellington Darden, born August 27, 1856 (Family Bible), in Taliaferro County, Georgia, died in Willis, Texas. Married Ella Tomlinson, Willis, Texas, 1878. See below.

5 Carlisle Beaman Darden, born at Raytown, Georgia, April 17, 1859 (Family Bible), died March, 1927. Married 1st Mary Moore Wallace November 16, 1881. Married 2nd Mrs. Sally Willoughby Amason. See below

6 Frances (Fannie) Darden, born October 12, 1861 (Family Bible), died in Houston, Texas. Married ------- Pearce. To this union were born two children, Ethel Pearce (Mrs. Herman Lloyd, Sr.) and Buelah Pearce, both living in Houston, Texas, in 1963. "Fannie" Darden inherited jointly, with her brother Carlisle Beaman Darden, from her father's estate and on the death of their mother, his "homestead land lying in the 172d Dist., houses and all appurtenances thereunto belonging together with the Household and Kitchen furniture and one Horse Charlie and all the Hogs, Cows, and Sheep."

## EUGENE EMMETT DARDEN

Eugene Emmett Darden, son of David Ellington Darden and Amanda (Flynt) Darden, was born April 15, 1854, at Raytown, Taliaferro County, Georgia, died October 18, 1910, in Atlanta, Georgia. He received, jointly with his brother George Ellington Darden, from their father's estate, "the Brooke tract of land containing one Hundred and seven acres to have and to hold during their natural life and after their death or the death of either one of them to their heirs." To "Eugene E. Darden, Eleck mule" and "to George E. Darden one Horse named Jim."

October 28, 1880, Eugene Emmett married Mary Ellen Keating, born December 17, 1857, died December 16, 1913. Both are buried in Sharon, Taliaferro County, Georgia. Their children: (a) George Bernard Darden, born August 2, 1884 (see below); (b) Mary Ellen (Molly) Darden, born July 6, 1888, married George Pierce Sasser, died February 13, 1958, and is buried in Atlanta, Georgia. "Molly" Darden Sasser and George Pierce Sasser had a daughter, Mary Ellen Sasser, born November 19, 1919, living in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1963; (c) Raphael E. Darden, born January 2, 1892, died April 19, 1915, buried in Sharon, Georgia.

George Bernard Darden

George Bernard Darden, son of Eugene Emmett Darden and Mary Ellen (Keating) Darden, was born August 2, 1884, married Leona Pate of Sharon, Georgia, April 29, 1906. She was born November 3, 1885. In 1963 she and George B. were living in Taliaferro County near Sharon, Georgia. Their children:

1 Bernard R. Darden, born June 22, 1907, married Mary E. Poole June 4, 1931. They had 4 children and were living in Sharon, Georgia, in 1963.

2 Mary Darden, born May 5, 1909, married ------- Glenn. Living in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1963.

3 Thomas Emmett Darden, born July 15, 1911, married Barbara Moore, of Sharon, Georgia, born December 28, 1917. They had five children and in 1963 were living at Roosevelt State Park, Pine Mountain, Georgia.

4 Sara Eleanor Darden, born October 23, 1913, living in Atlanta, Georgia, 1963.

5 George Darden, born January 29, 1916, Married Virginia Robertson August 22, 1942, born March 10, 1910. They had one child and were living in Raytown, Taliaferro County, Georgia, 1963.

6 Arthur Cohen Darden, born April 7, 1918, married November 28, 1942, Virginia Audry Knight of Charleston, S. C., born November 10, 1922. They had six children and were living in Hardeeville, S.C., 1963.

7 Margaret Darden, born December 28, 1919.

8 Carlysle Ellington Darden, born May 9, 1922. Living in Augusta, Georgia, 1963.

9 Patrick Henry Darden, born May 15, 1924, married March 15, 1952, Mary Harriet Ramey of Aiken, S. C., born September 7, 1933. They had one child and were living in Sharon, Georgia, 1963.

10 Dorothy Catherine Darden, born January 15, 1927, married June 16, 1947, Colon Steed Edwards, born July 25, 1917. They had four children and were living in Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia, 1963.

11 Belle Frances Darden, born February 15, 1929.

Note: The foregoing information concerning the children of George Bernard Darden and Leona (Pate) Darden was furnished by George Bernard Darden, Sr., June 16, 1963. Compiler.

GEORGE ELLINGTON DARDEN

George Ellington Darden, son of David Ellington Darden and Amanda (Flynt) Darden, was born August 27, 1856, in Raytown, Taliaferro County, Georgia (Family Bible), died in Willis, Texas. He received jointly with his brother, Eugene Emmett Darden, from their father's estate, the Brooke Tract of land containing one hundred and seven acres to have and to hold during their natural life and after their death or the

death of either one of them to their heirs," and, "also I bequeath to George E. Darden one Horse name Jim."

In 1878 George Ellington Darden married Ella Tomlinson of Willis, Texas. Their children:

1 Lillie Darden, born 1880, married Dan Gunn who died in 1903. No children.

2 Thomas Ellington Darden, born October 31, 1882, died October 27, 1948. Married Sallie Daugherty Bybee May 31, 1903, of Glascow, Kentucky. She was living in Willis, Texas, 1961. Their children:

(a) George Bylee Darden, born March 2, 1904, married Barbara LaMarr June 1, 1941. They were living in Conroe, Texas, 1961, where he was a very successful attorney, and had two children, Ellington LaMarr Darden, born October 31, 1943 and Cherrie Lane Darden, born September 3, 1948.

(b) Dorothy May Darden, born November 3, 1905, married Virgil Alfred Walston July 15, 1928. They were living in Houston, Texas, 1963, where he had been a civil engineer in charge of production for the Humble Oil & Refining Company for many years. They had three children: (1) Dorothy Jean Walston, born January 24, 1931, married Charles William Alcorn, Jr., September 27, 1952. Dorothy and Charles were living in Andrews, Texas, 1961 where he was employed as a geologist with Gulf Oil Company. They had two children; (2) Virgil Alfred Walston, Jr., a geologist with General Geophysicists, Houston, Texas, born August 23, 1934, married Suzanne Porter December 27, 1957. They had one child; (3) Sally Darden Walston, born December 15, 1939, married Sweeney Jamison Doehring, Jr., June 1, 1959. They had two children.

3 Ruby Darden, born July 1, 1884, married John E. Williams 1917, who died in 1948. They had no children. Ruby Darden was living in Willis, Texas in 1961.

4 Beulah Darden, born 1886, died 1903.

5 Mary Darden, born 1888, died 1894.

6 Charles Darden, born 1890, died 1893.

7 George Darden, born 1892, died 1894.

Note: The above information concerning the descendants of George Ellington Darden and Ella (Tomlinson) Darden was furnished by Mrs. Dorothy May (Darden) Walston. Compiler.

## CARLISLE BEAMAN DARDEN

Carlisle Beaman Darden, youngest son of David Ellington Darden and Amanda (Flynt) Darden, was born April 17, 1859 (Family Bible), at Raytown, Taliaferro County, Georgia, died March, 1927, in Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia. Married 1st Mary (Molly) Moore Wallace, of Taliaferro County, Georgia,

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November 16, 1881. She was born August 30, 1860 (family Bible), died February 2, 1907. Both are buried in Washington, Georgia. (See below.) Married 2nd Mrs. Sally Willoughby Amason. There were no children born of this marriage.

Carlisle B. Darden was christened as an infant in 1859 in the old South Liberty Presbyterian Church near Raytown, Georgia. One of the early ministers of the church was the Rev. Dr. Carlisle T. Beaman and it was from him Carlisle Beaman Darden derived his given names. He inherited jointly with his sister Frances (Fannie) Darden from his father's estate and on the death of their mother, the "homestead land lying in the 172d Dist., houses, and all appurtenances thereunto belonging together with the Household and Kitchen furniture and one Horse Charlie and all the Hogs, cows, and sheep."

Mary (Molly) Moore Wallace's paternal grandfather Benjamin Wallace was born in South Carolina October 1, 1788, died June 20, 1862 in Wilkes County, Georgia. Married Catharine Leverett of Putnam County, Georgia, born December 25, 1786, died April 14, 1860, in Wilkes County, Georgia. Benjamin Wallace was a wealthy planter of Wilkes and Taliaferro Counties. Because of a disagreement with his son Marion DeKalb Wallace (Molly's father) he beueathed to "My son Marion DeKalb Wallace $50.00 and no more." The elder Wallace seems also to have had difficulty in his father's home in South Carolina for he, a brother, and two sisters left the paternal home on account of a step-mother, moved to Georgia and would never tell where in South Carolina they came from or the name of their father.

Children of Carlisle Beaman Darden and Mary Moore (Wallace) Darden:

1 William Ellington Darden, born September 5, 1882, died May 8, 1953, in Wewoka, Oklahoma, married Martha Pinkston of Sparta, Georgia, now deceased. They had one child William Darden, living in Washington, D.C., in 1941.

2 Frances Barthella (Birdie) Darden, born December 18, 1883, married Claude Birchmore July 6, 1911, in Washington, Georgia, who was born January 16, 1879, died December 25, 1923, and is buried at Maxeys, Georgia. She was living at Columbus, Georgia, in 1963. Their children:

(a) Charles Clinton Birchmore, born September 13, 1912, in Washington, Georgia, married October 12, 1946, Dorothy Sims Slay of LaFayette, Alabama. They have one child, Charles, Jr. Charles Clinton Birchmore is an electrical engineer with the Georgia Power Company and living in Columbus, Georgia, 1963.

(b) Mary Jeslin Birchmore, born December 8, 1919, in Washington, Georgia, died January 30, 1922, in Thomson, Georgia, and is buried at Maxeys, Georgia.

(c) Frances Darden Birchmore, born February 13, 1923, died February 13, 1923, and is buried at Maxeys, Georgia.

3. Gordon Wallace Darden, born March 6, 1886, married Louise Cobb McEvoy of Athens, Georgia, June 22, 1916. See below.

4 Mary Amanda Darden, born September 21, 1888, married September 20, 1908, Joseph Alexander David of Washington, Georgia, who was born April 30, 1885, died February 15, 1955, and is buried in Washington, Georgia. Mary Amanda was living in Athens, Georgia, in 1963. Their children:

(a) Mary Frances David, born October 21, 1911, married May 12, 1934, James Edwin McDaniel of Lavonia, Georgia. They had three children and were living in Athens, Georgia, 1963, where Mary Frances was associated with the University of Georgia.

(b) Joseph Alexander David, Jr., born March 22, 1914, married September 1, 1935, Ruby Chapman, Walhalla, South Carolina. Three children were born of this marriage and Joseph and Ruby were living in Washington, Georgia, 1963.

(c) Elizabeth Wallace David, born May 25, 1916, married November 25, 1937, Rayford W. Williams, of Sylvania, Georgia. They had one child, Sandra Ray Williams, and were living in Statesboro, Georgia, 1963.

(d) George Carlisle David, born April 23, 1920, married, 1st, Jean Reese of Lincolnton, Georgia, April 27, 1946, and had a daughter, Louise Darden David. Married, 2nd, Louise Wheeler November 1, 1958. They were living in Washington, Georgia, 1963 where George was associated with the Georgia State Department of Agriculture.

5 Marion Wallace Darden, born September 5, 1892, living in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1925.

## Gordon Wallace Darden

Gordon Wallace Darden, son of Carlisle Beaman Darden and Mary Moore (Wallace) Darden, was born March 6, 1886. Married June 22, 1916, Louise Cobb McEvoy of Athens, Georgia, who was born October 16, 1893, the daughter of Dr. Edward Cook McEvoy and Julia Howell (Cobb) McEvoy. Both were living in Athens, Georgia, 1963, he a retired civil engineer. Their children:

1 Edward Wallace Darden, born January 28, 1918, married March 3, 1943, Mary Alice Greenway, the daughter of Rev. William Greenway, a retired Methodist Church Minister who was living at Jonesboro, Georgia, and now deceased. Edward W. was educated in the public schools of Athens, Georgia, and the University of Georgia. They have three children and were living in Fayetteville, Georgia, in 1963 where he was associated with the United States Department of Agriculture.

2 Louise Gordon Darden, born August 1, 1919, married Roy H. Loman Ronan, Montana, June 13, 1947, an alumnus of the Georgia School of Technology with the degree of

Mechanical Engineer. They have four children and in 1963 were living in Savannah, Georgia. Louise was educated in the public schools of Athens, Georgia, and Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee.

3 Mary Cobb Darden, born November 8, 1920, married August 19, 1945, Thomas M. Cragan of Maryville, Tennessee. She was educated in the public schools of Athens, Georgia, Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee, and Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, from which she was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. They have three children and were living in 1963 in Maryville, Tennessee, where Mary was engaged in the practice of medicine.

4 Gordon Wallace Darden, Jr., born December 25, 1923. Married 1st. Betty Schnackel June 1943. No children were born of this union. Married 2nd. Barbara Mitchell May 1949 and they had one child, a daughter, Lea Leslie Darden, born November 17, 1952 and died May 5, 1953. Gordon was educated in the public schools of Athens, Georgia, Emory University, and Georgia State College. Living in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1963.

5 Margaret Elizabeth (Liz) Darden, born April 2, 1929. Married Fred Stuart Beck August 13, 1949. She was educated in the public schools of Athens, Georgia, North Georgia College, and the University of Georgia. Three children were born of this marriage -- all girls - one died in infancy and is buried in Atlanta, Georgia. Fred and Elizabeth and their two daughters were living in South Decatur, Georgia, in 1963.

## MARTHA DARDEN

Martha Darden, daughter of Zachariah Darden and Nancy (Ellington) Darden, born 1819 (U.S. Census 1850) in Taliaferro County, Georgia, then Wilkes County. Married Absolom Perkins November 26, 1837, who died in Sharon, Taliaferro County, Georgia. Their children were all born in Raytown, Taliaferro County, Georgia, and were as follows but not necessarily in order of birth: (a) Henry Perkins, married Anna Massengale of Columbia County, Georgia. See below. (b) Cassandra Perkins, married Joel Taylor; (c) Elizabeth Perkins; (d) Lafayette Perkins, married Mattie Thompson November 3, 1891; (e) Felix Deantha Perkins, married William Silas Meadows November 14, 1867. She died June 16, 1932, and is buried in Raytown, Georgia; (f) David Perkins. (The foregoing obtained from Taliaferro County, Georgia, records by J. D. Nash, Crawfordville, Georgia. Compiler.)

Children of Henry Perkins and Anna (Massengale) Perkins: (1) Clifford Perkins, born in Raytown, Georgia; (2) Floy Perkins, born in Raytown, married William T. Hall and is buried at New Providence Cadley, Warren County, Georgia; (3) Henry Perkins, Jr., born in Raytown, married Ruby Holiday of Raytown, Georgia, his cousin, October 18, 1902.

The children of Henry Perkins, Jr., and Ruby (Holiday) Perkins: Ruby, Clifford, Miriam, Madelyn, and Kathleen.

## MOSES DARDEN

Moses Darden, son of Zachariah Darden and Nancy (Ellington) Darden, born 1820/22, died July 28, 1886. Married August 4, 1840, Aletha Ann Wilder, born September 1822, died May 12, 1885,"Age 62 years eight months" as shown on her gravestone. Both Moses and Aletha are buried on the site of the old South Liberty Presbyterian Church near Raytown, Taliaferro County, Georgia.

Moses was enrolled in the militia of the 172 District, Taliaferro County, December 14, 1863, for service in the army of the Confederate States in the "War between the States" in the 1860's. He made a will June 19, 1886, probated August 2, 1886, named his son Felix Darden as executor (Will Book 10, page 86, Taliaferro County). Moses and Aletha Darden's children were:

1 Anna Eliza Darden, born December 22, 1842, died August 25, 1899, married James Monroe Triplett. See below.
2 Felix Franklin Darden, born November 2, 1844, died October 10, 1913, married Gabrielle Dyer. See below.
3 Melissa Darden. Married James Wilder, her cousin.
4 Missouri Darden. Never Married.
5 Wesley Darden, died May 10, 1917. Married Josephine Bussey.
6 Nancy (Nannie) Darden, died May 21, 1926. Married John P. Smith.
7 Theodosia Darden. Married Linton T. Lewis. Their children: Mabel, Darden, Lena, Barnett, Linton, Jr.
8 Patrick O. Darden. Married Fannie Smith.
9 Fannie Darden, born 1850, died March 10, 1854.
10 (Not named), born August 2, 1852, died March 1853.
11 Elizabeth Darden, born March 3, 1853, died December 24, 1856.
12 James M. Darden, born August 2, 1859 (?), died September 21, 1870.

Note: Information pertaining to the above mentioned Moses Darden and his descendants was furnished in 1963 by James Dearing Nash, of Crawfordville, Georgia, a great grandson.--Compiler.

### Anna Eliza (Darden) Triplett

Anna Eliza Darden, daughter of Moses Darden and Aletha Ann (Wilder) Darden, was born December 22, 1842, died August 25, 1899. Married James Monroe Triplett November 21, 1866. Their children:

1 Ella Shaw Triplett, born September 19, 1867. Married Dr. Reuben Dearing Nash November 16, 1887. See below.
2 Willie Eliza Triplett, born March 13, 1869, date of death unknown. Married William Lee Jackson. There were seven children born of this marriage, James Lee Jackson, Annie Kate Jackson, Arthur Davidson Jackson,

Ella Pearl Jackson, Beulah Jackson, Ruth Jackson, and Margaret Jackson.

3 James Marshall Triplett, born May 13, 1875, died October 4, 1938. Married July 5, 1900, Margaret Cullen Gardiner, born April 14, 1877, died August 10, 1911. They had children (a) Martha Wilde Triplett, born December 24, 1904, married September 3, 1927, John Smith Searcy III, born November 6, 1900; (b) Margaret DeCotte Triplett, born September 22, 1906, married William Christopher Langley in 1926; three children were born to this marriage; (c) Anna Eliza Triplett, born September 10, 1910, married Jules Coleman in 1942. They had one child, a son, born September 6, 1943.

4 Missouri Pearl Triplett, born October 29, 1876, died in 1960, married October 30, 1894, Charles H. Cosby to whom were born five children: Cartledge Cosby, Charles R. Cosby, Vola Cosby, Grace Cosby, and Forrest Cosby.

Ella Shaw (Triplett) Nash

Ella Shaw Triplett, daughter of Anna Eliza (Darden) Triplett and James Monroe Triplett, was born September 19, 1867, died November 14, 1901, Married November 16, 1887, Dr. Reuben Dearring Nash, born September 1, 1853, died October 17, 1916. Their children:

1 James Dearring Nash, born September 18, 1888. Married 1st, September 13, 1911, Mattie Mae Burden, born August 8, 1894, died March 5, 1945. There were seven children born of this marriage. He married, 2nd, Ludie Frances Burton July 15, 1945. She was born August 12, 1906. No children were born to this union. James Dearring Nash was connected with the public schools of Taliaferro County, Georgia, for a number of years before being elected to the office of Judge of Court of Ordinary, Taliaferro County. He still held the office in 1963 and lived in Crawfordville, Georgia, the county seat. See below.

2 Brozier Macune Nash, born July 4, 1890, died December 20, 1941. Married Clarice Abercrombie. They had three children: (a) Brozier Macune Nash, Jr.; (b) Dearring Abercrombie Nash, M.D.; (c) Eleanor Nash.

3 Annie Lucile Nash, born April 30, 1892, died November 3, 1917.

4 Willie Joe Nash, born December 26, 1894. Married 1915 Charles W. Gillespie, born 1884, died September 1961. Six children were born of this marriage: (a) William Gillespie; (b) Nash Gillespie; (c) Claire Gillespie; (d) Joseph Gillespie; (e) Francine Gillespie; (f) Bobby Gillespie.

5 Harold Ford Nash, born February 4, 1896. Married 1920 Kendrick McWhorter. Their children: (a) LaRue Nash, married E. J. Whitley, Jr.; (b) George Nash.

6 Miles Triplett Nash, born July 26, 1898. Married April 22, 1922, Margaret Gee. Their children: (a) Ellen Nash, married Jerry Foster; (b) Lena Nash, married Bonner Jones.

The children of James Dearring Nash and Mattie Mae (Burden) Nash:

1 James Dearring Nash, Jr., born July 26, 1912. Married Sara Jones.
2 Joe Louise Nash, born March 15, 1914. Married September 3, 1936, Nelson Keller.
3 Alice Dorothy Nash, born June 14, 1917. Married November 1934 Ernest B. Turner.
4 Thomas Burden Nash, born January 18, 1920. Married 1943 Ruth Bailey.
5 Martha Vilena Nash, born October 19, 1922. Married William E. Shea.
6 Leonard Triplett Nash, born December 6, 1924, died July 7, 1963, in Winter Garden, Florida. Married Zero Dean.
7 Sarah Ella Nash, born October 22, 1926.

## Felix Franklin Darden

Felix Franklin Darden, son of Moses Darden and Aletha Ann (Wilder) Darden, was born November 1844, died October 18, 1913. Married Gabriella Camilla Dyer February 14, 1872, the daughter of William Abner Dyer and Elizabeth (Dozier) Dyer of Warren County, Georgia. Gabriella (Dyer) Darden was born April 17, 1853, died March 5, 1942. Felix and Gabriella Darden both died in Sharon, Taliaferro County, Georgia, and are buried in the Methodist Church Cemetery in Sharon. Their children:

1 Petrona Estelle Darden, born December 24, 1872, died December 1896. Married Albert Ray Smith, son of Henry W. Smith and Eliza (Ray) Smith, and is buried in Norwood, Warren County, Georgia. Two children were born to this union: (a) Frank W. Smith, died in infancy; (b) Ellie Rebecca Smith, born March 24, 1896, in Taliaferro County, Georgia. Married Dillon S. Kitchens April 1916.
2 Thomas Seals Darden, born March 3, 1876, died September 1958. Married April 25, 1906, Flora Corinne Sibert (daughter of Wesley Sibert and Mary Ferguson Sibert), born March 20, 1883, died March 18, 1959. They had one child, Thomas Nelson Darden, born April 12, 1912, married Hazel Sagguss September 23, 1937. Thomas Seals and Flora Sibert Darden are buried in the Methodist Church Cemetery, Sharon, Georgia.
3 Clara Barnett Darden, born September 1, 1878, living in Taliaferro County in 1963. Married June 1898 Albert Ray Smith (his 2nd wife), Warren County, Georgia, son of Henry W. Smith and Eliza (Ray) Smith. Their children, all born in Taliaferro County:

(a) Lois, died in infancy; (b) Guy Ashton Smith, born May 26, 1901, married Elizabeth Lane; (c) Ruth Evelyn Smith, born March 16, 1903, married James McDougald; (d) Eugene Dyer Smith, born March 25, 1905, married Lenore Carreker; (e) Clara Belle Smith, born May 14, 1906, married Statham Pullen; (f) Albert Ray Smith, Jr., born January 1908, died March 5, 1931, in Warrenton, Georgia; (g) Rose Camille Smith, born April 1, 1910, married Robert B. Chafin; (h) Boyce Darden Smith, born January 1912, married Margaret Dyer; (i) Dorothy Smith, born October 9, 1913, married Garnett L. Flynt; (j) Lilla Bertha Smith, born January 1916, married James Lowe in 1940.

4 Bertie Darden, born in Taliaferro County, Georgia, February 26, 1881. Married April 17, 1907, Welborn Dawson Stone (son of Welcome Augustus Stone and Frances Anna Moore Stone), born February 24, 1879, in Taliaferro County, died July 29, 1929, in Tampa, Florida, where he is buried. Their children: (a) Martha Darden Stone, born June 14, 1908, in Tampa, Florida, died December 24, 1914, and is buried in Tampa; (b) Doris O'Niell Stone, born July 2, 1910, in Tampa, Florida, died June 6, 1929, in Tampa, Florida, where she is buried; (c) Helen Stone, born February 28, 1917, in Tampa, Florida, married Thomas Moon, Jr., in 1940.

5 Frank Love Darden, born April 1883, died April 1887 and is buried in Raytown, Taliaferro County, Georgia.

6 F. Boyce Darden, born August 17, 1887, died January 6, 1953, buried in Sharon, Taliaferro County, Georgia.

7 Annie Elizabeth Darden, born in Taliaferro County June 23, 1890. Married April 27, 1910, Joseph Alfred Moore of Sharon, Georgia, son of Alfred David Moore and Annie (Thompson) Moore. Their children: (a) Joseph Alfred Moore, Jr., born February 14, 1911, married Louise Baker; (b) Annie Moore, born December 11, 1913, married Eugene Branner in 1940; (c) Kathryn Moore, born January 1916; (d) Frank Darden Moore, born September 1919, married Zula Cox; (e) James W. Moore, born October 1921, married Saralyn Pennington; (f) John Thompson Moore, born September 1923, married Lois Edwards. All of the children of Annie Elizabeth (Darden) Moore and Joseph Alfred Moore were born in Milledgeville, Baldwin County, Georgia.

8 Marcia Darden, born December 28, 1892, died April 1, 1931, buried in Glendale, California. Married William Blizzard September 1917.

9 Gladys Darden, born February 18, 1896. Married December 17, 1916, Barnett Wesley Moore, son of George Louis Moore, Sharon, Georgia, and Mary (Kindrick) Moore. Barnett W. Moore died May 25, 1962, in Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia, and is buried in the Methodist Church Cemetery, Sharon, Georgia. Two daughters were born of this marriage: (a) Barbara Moore, born December 28, 1917, in Sharon, Georgia,

married Thomas Emmett Darden, son of George Bernard Darden and Leona (Pate) Darden, December 28, 1935. To Barbara and Thomas Emmett Darden were born five children; (b) Margaret Moore, born June 27, 1920, in Sharon, Georgia, married 1st Orren Thomas Summers January 14, 1940; one child, a daughter, was born to this union. Margaret Moore married 2nd Louis J. Guisti May 8, 1954, and one child, a son was born of this marriage.

10 Leslie Wilder Darden, born December 4, 1898, died November 1930, buried in Sharon, Georgia. Married Elizabeth Cunningham July 1926.

Note: Information concerning the descendants of Felix Franklin Darden and Gabriella (Dyer) Darden was furnished from family Bible records by Mrs. Gladys Darden Moore. Compiler.

## WILLIAM BOLIVER DARDEN

Dr. William Boliver Darden was the youngest child of Zachariah Darden and Nancy (Ellington) Darden. He was born May 4, 1828, and died of pneumonia March 21, 1885, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Sallie Celeste (Darden) Rogers, near Warrenton, Georgia. Married October 30, 1850, Mary E. Wright, born December 16, 1830, died April 22, 1908, at her home in Norwood, Georgia. (The foregoing information is from the family Bible in the possession of Mrs. Stella Rogers Thompson, Warrenton, Georgia, his granddaughter.--Compiler) Both Dr. William B. Darden and his wife Mary (Wright) Darden are buried in unmarked graves in the Norwood, Georgia, cemetery. Dr. Darden was Assistant Surgeon, Company D, 49th Regiment Georgia Infantry, Confederate States Army, from March 3, 1862, to April 26, 1865. In civilian life he practiced medicine in Oglethorpe County, Georgia, and surrounding counties, while living near Philomath, Oglethorpe County, Georgia.

The children born to Dr. William B. Darden and Mary (Wright) Darden were:

1 Stella Alfriend Darden, born August 2, 1851, died June 15, 1919. Married November 1, 1870, James K. Daniel who died July 3, 1919. Both are buried at College Park, Georgia. Three children were born of this marriage: (a) George Morgan Daniel, born November 12, 1871, married July 18, 1906, Louisa McCormick Spencer, born May 20, 1886. Eight children were born of this union: (1) James Kelse Daniel, born April 3, 1907, died October 23, 1907; (2) George Morgan Daniel, Jr., born May 21, 1909; (3) Mary Louise Daniel, born March 9, 1911; (4) Charles Alexander Daniel, born February 13, 1913, died May 21, 1955, buried at College Park, Georgia; (5) Frederick Dawson Daniel, born June 18, 1915; (6) Helen Irene Daniel, born March 31, 1919; (7) Stella Spencer Daniel, born

September 14, 1921; (8) Elizabeth Daniel, born July 2, 1927. (b) William Thomas Daniel, born January 13, 1873, died August 10, 1885. (c) Irene Daniel, born May 11, 1875, died March 7, 1926. Married October 25, 1908, Wilburn W. Williams of Quitman, Georgia. No children. She was his second wife and is buried at Quitman, Georgia.

2 Sallie Celeste Darden, born June 26, 1853, died May 24, 1927. Married February 17, 1875, Micajah Thomas Rogers, born January 29, 1847, died June 4, 1911. Micajah Rogers was a soldier in the Confederate States Army serving in Company C, 27 Battalion, Georgia Infantry. Four children--all girls--were born of this union: (a) Pearl Virginia Rogers, born January 1, 1876, near Philomath, Oglethorpe County, Georgia, presumably at the home of her grandfather, Dr. William B. Darden, died December 25, 1955, and is buried at Edgefield, South Carolina. Married February 15, 1900, Robert Barron Brown, born May 2, 1870, died April 29, 1925. See below. (b) Stella May Rogers, born January 25, 1878, near Warrenton, Georgia. Married 1st E. B. Farmer in 1900 at Warrenton, Georgia; he died June 1928. Married 2nd J. Ralph Thompson of Warrenton, Georgia, September 1929. No children were born of either marriage. Both Stella and Ralph Thompson were living in Warrenton, Georgia, in 1963 when the Compiler visited them. She was both mentally and physically alert in the 85th year of her age, her hair had its original brown color, her teeth were the ones God had given her, and she walked without the aid of either crutch or cane. (c) Annie Laurie Rogers, born May 9, 1880, near Warrenton, Georgia, died August 6, 1906, and is buried at Warrenton. Married February 15, 1900, Wilburn W. Williams, of Quitman, Georgia. She was his first wife. They had one child, a son Joseph G. Williams, born November 29, 1903, near Warrenton, Georgia. (d) Mary Will Rogers, born October 5, 1882, near Warrenton, Georgia.

3 Dr. Noel McNeil Darden, born October 27, 1855, near Raytown, Georgia, date of death unknown. Married 1st Mrs. Sally E. Rhodes, died 1880. They had one child, a daughter Gertrude who died young. Mrs. Sally E. (Rhodes) Darden made a will October 28, 1880, probated November 1880, which mentions daughter Gertrude, her husband Dr. Noel M. Darden, and a son James P. Rhodes by a previous marriage (Warren County Wills, 1852-1897, page 320). Dr. Noel Darden married 2nd Virginia Heath. Information concerning his second marriage was not available other than that they had three children: (a) William Darden, died in Miami, Florida, leaving two sons; (b) Allen Darden, died March 6, 1962, in Atlanta, Georgia (news item Atlanta Journal); and (c) a daughter Mamie Darden. All children of Dr. Noel M. and Virginia (Heath) Darden were born in Norwood, Warren County, Georgia.

Pearl Virginia (Rogers) Brown

Pearl Virginia Rogers, daughter of Sallie Celeste (Darden) Rogers and Macajah Thomas Rogers, was born January 1, 1876, near Philomath, Oglethorpe County, Georgia, died December 25, 1955, and is buried at Edgefield, South Carolina, the home of her daughter Mrs. Sarah Brown Hollingsworth. Pearl Virginia Rogers married February 15, 1900, Robert Barron Brown, born May 2, 1870, died April 29, 1925. The children of Pearl and Robert Brown:

1 Henry Cornelius Brown, born January 1, 1902, died December 16, 1957. Married in 1930 Dorothy Sanderson, Galesburg, Illinois. She was born April 1904, died April 1, 1947. They had four children: (a) Richard William Brown, born March 9, 1931, married January 15, 1956, Georgette Diribarne of Paris, France, born December 1930; (b) Donald Sanderson Brown, born August 10, 1936; (c) Charles Henry Brown, born August 2, 1939; (d) John Robert Brown, born December 2, 1943--a student at Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina, in 1963.

2 Sarah Brown, born November 3, 1903. Married August 29, 1933, Diomede Franklin Hollingsworth of Edgefield, South Carolina, born July 12, 1898, died December 5, 1962, from a heart attack. Sarah Hollingsworth and D. F. Hollingsworth had one child, a son John Hampton Hollingsworth, born January 4, 1935, educated at the Citadel, Charleston, S.C., and Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, living in Greenwood, South Carolina, in 1963. Sarah Brown Hollingsworth is a teacher of Latin and French in the Strom Thurmond High School, Edgefield, South Carolina, and continued to live about three miles out from Edgefield after the death of her husband.

3 Richard Rogers Brown, born May 30, 1905, died March 9, 1957. Married Ora Sebolt of Birmingham, Alabama. She died February 1963. They had no children.

4 Francis Emory Brown, born August 27, 1908. Married September 1, 1934, Elizabeth Winn of Jackson, Mississippi, born June 4, 1915. They have one child, a daughter Bette Joy Brown, born October 9, 1942.

Note: Information concerning Dr. William B. Darden and his descendants was furnished by his granddaughter, Mrs. Stella Rogers Thompson, of Warrenton, Georgia, and his great granddaughter, Mrs. Sarah Brown Hollingsworth, of Edgefield, South Carolina.--Compiler.

MOSES DARDEN

Moses Darden, son of Stephen[5] Darden and Ann Darden, born August 31, 1800 in Warren County, Georgia, died in Lee County, Alabama, April 19, 1881. Married 1st Nancy Wynn July 13, 1820, in Warren County, Georgia. She was born in 1800 and died in 1830 in Warrenton, Georgia.

Moses and Nancy (Wynn) Darden had at least one child, Uriah Addison Darden, born September 23, 1825, in Warren County, Georgia, died July 17, 1903, at Rockford, Alabama. He married Mary Logan, daughter of Alexander Hamilton Logan of Coosa County, Alabama, March 13, 1847. She was born March 6, 1829, and died in Coosa County, Alabama, January 29, 1899. To Uriah Addison Darden and Mary (Logan) Darden were born ten children: (a) Frank Darden, born about 1849; (b) John Alexander Darden, born near Hanover, Coosa County, Alabama, in 1850; married Georgia Elizabeth Webb. See below; (c) William Stephen Darden, born 1853, married Mary Carlisle of Alabama. See below; (d) Martha Jane Darden, born December 13, 1855, at Rockford, Alabama, died April 9, 1930, at Kingston, Georgia; (e) Mary Eliza Darden born 1857; (f) Nannie E. Darden, born 1859; (g) Sarah Virginia Darden, born 1866; (h) Anne Belle Darden, born 1868; (i) Addison Darden, born 1870; (j) Joseph Hubbard Darden, born about 1872.

Moses Darden married 2nd June 19, 1834 to Elizabeth, daughter of Theophilus and Celia (DeVane) Stephens, born October 6, 1810, died May 14, 1899. The children of Moses and Elizabeth (Stephens) Darden were: (a) Marion Darden, born about 1835; (b) Thomas Darden, born about 1837; (c) Dock Darden, born about 1840; (d) James Madison Darden, born about 1842; (e) Stephen Darden, born about 1845; (f) Virginia Darden, born about 1847; married -------- Leonard; (g) Mary Darden, born about 1848, married John Short; (h) Hubbard Darden, born August 5, 1849, died 1903, married Mary Jane Darden. See below; (i) Virginia (Jennie) Elizabeth Darden, born about 1852, married Charles Culpepper.

John Alexander Darden

John Alexander Darden, son of Uriah Addison Darden and Mary (Logan) Darden was born near Hanover, Coosa County, Alabama, in 1850 and died there January 18, 1884. He married in 1877 Georgia Elizabeth Webb of Coosa County, Alabama, born 1852, died in Coosa County, August 26, 1890. Both John A. and Elizabeth (Webb) Darden are buried in the cemetery at Poplar Springs Baptist Church in Coosa County. They had at least one child, a son John Austin Darden, born April 2, 1879, died June 7, 1942, buried at Goodwater, Alabama. Married September 23, 1900, Olie Vashti Sellers, born March 20, 1882, the daughter of Sampson Elijah Sellers and Mary Jane Sellers of Coosa County, Alabama.

John Austin Darden and Olie (Sellers) Darden had seven children: (a) Mabel Darden, born October 2, 1901, died May 2, 1918; (b) Eschol Darden, born January 9, 1903; (c) Jewel Darden, born March 19, 1905; (d) John Austin Darden, Jr., born November 5, 1907; (e) Martha Darden, born July 13, 1909; (f) Norman Delmas Darden, born May 31, 1911, in Goodwater, Alabama, married June 6, 1936, Maurine Maddux, daughter of James Maddux and Della (Carroll) Maddux, Albertville, Marshall County, Alabama. They had two sons, Norman D., Jr., and Winston Alan; (g) Byron Darden, born March 28, 1915.

## William Stephen Darden

William Stephen Darden, son of Uriah Addison Darden and Mary (Logan) Darden, was born in 1853. Married Mary Carlisle. Both William Stephen and Mary (Carlisle) Darden were born in Alabama, lived there all of their lives, and are buried there. They had nine children who lived through infancy: (a) William Darden, now deceased; (b) Addison Darden; (c) Archie Hendricks Darden, born near Rockford, Alabama, October 30, 1885; see below; (d) Lavonia Darden, married a Dr. Grimes of Alabama; they moved to Clayton, New Mexico, some time before World War I; both are now deceased; they had four children--all boys: Clyde, now deceased; Bruce, living near Santa Fe, New Mexico, in 1963; Walter, living in California in 1963; and Darden Grimes, living in Clayton, New Mexico, in 1963; (e) Annabelle Darden; (f) Robert B. Darden, now deceased; his widow was living in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in 1963; (g) Grady Darden, now deceased, lived in New Orleans, Louisiana; (h) Dotson Darden, never married, now deceased.

## Archie Hendricks Darden

Archie Hendricks Darden, son of William Stephen Darden and Mary (Carlisle) Darden, was born near Rockford, Alabama, October 30, 1885. Married Annie Lou Wood, born June 2, 1885, daughter of Henry Felix Wood and Sophia (Teague) Wood, Birmingham, Alabama. Archie Hendricks Darden was graduated from the University of Alabama with A.B. and L.L.B. degrees. In 1919 he and his wife moved to Raton, New Mexico, where he practiced law until his death in 1934. He was prominent in New Mexico legal circles and was a member of the Board of Bar Examiners for the State of New Mexico for a number of years. His widow was living in Raton, New Mexico, in 1963. Archie Hendricks and Annie Lou (Wood) Darden had two sons:
(a) William H. Darden, born in Birmingham, Alabama, July 28, 1917, married February 2, 1957, Kathryn Taylor of Fulton, Kentucky, born December 9, 1918, daughter of Lynn Taylor and Shellie (McKeen) Taylor, Fulton, Kentucky. William H. and Kathryn (Taylor) Darden had no children. He was educated in the public schools of Raton, New Mexico and the University of Colorado, from which he was graduated with A.B. and L.L.B. degrees in 1947. He served four years in the United States Army during World War II, mostly as a junior officer in the 1282nd Combat Engineer Battalion, Corps of Engineers, in both the European and Philippine theatres and was separated as a first lieutenant. He was admitted to the New Mexico Bar in 1947 and was practicing law in Raton, New Mexico, in 1963;
(b) Robert Hendricks Darden, born in Raton, New Mexico, October 18, 1919. Married Virginia Flower Appleton of Cleveland, Ohio, and they had four children: David Hendricks Darden, born November 18, 1946; Thomas Appleton Darden, born December 2, 1948; Anne Elaine Darden, born November 20, 1950; Margaret Marie Darden, born December 20, 1954. Robert Hendricks Darden was educated in the public schools of Raton,

New Mexico, and the University of Michigan from which he was graduated with A.B. and L.L.B. degrees in 1947. In 1963 he was an attorney for the United States Small Business Administration and was living in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

## Hubbard Darden

Hubbard Darden, son of Moses Darden and Elizabeth (Stephens) Darden, was born August 5, 1849, died August 30, 1903. Married in 1875 Martha Jane Darden, daughter of Uriah Addison Darden of Rockford, Alabama, and lived at Kingston, Floyd County, Georgia. Martha Jane Darden was born December 15, 1855, and died April 9, 1930. Six children were born of the marriage of Hubbard and Martha Jane Darden: (a) Martha Belle Darden, born 1877, died December 8, 1959, buried in Kingston, Georgia; she was never married; (b) Walton Marcellus Darden, born 1879; (c) Mary Virginia Darden, born 1881; (d) Leila May Darden, born August 21, 1884, died July 9, 1959; unmarried; (e) Hubbard Stephen Darden, born 1887; (f) Moses Darden, born 1894.

Leila May Darden was a member of the Alfred Colquitt Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and was actively interested in the preservation of historical traditions of the Southern Confederacy of the War Between the States and was affectionately called the "Little Rebel" by her numerous friends. She was also actively interested in the Darden family history and had much data pertaining to her branch of the family as the result of her own research and information that had been given to her by Newton Jasper Darden (compiler of the Darden Family History often mentioned herein) on his visits to her home. Unfortunately, vandals destroyed all of her records during an absence from home and in the latter years of her life she had only her memory on which to rely.

JACOB DARDEN OF WILLIAMS CREEK

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Jacob[5] Darden, son of Stephen[4] Darden, was one of the brothers who moved from Virginia to Wilkes County, Georgia, in the 1780's-1790's and settled on or in the vicinity of Williams Creek in that portion of Wilkes County that is now Warren County. He is listed with 3-1/2 polls and 5 slaves in the Remnant Tax Digest, 1792-1794, Wilkes County. October 1, 1808, he sold 200 acres on waters of Childers Creek to Jonathan Smith for $300.00 (Deed Book G, page 586, Warren County).

A bronze tablet on the Warren County Court House lawn, Warrenton, Georgia, erected by the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution June 14, 1940, lists Jacob Darden as a Revolutionary War soldier and one of the "soldiers found to date buried in Warren County." However, Mrs. C. W. Matthews of Warrenton, informed the Compiler July 8, 1958, that his grave was never found.

Jacob Darden was received into membership of the Williams Creek Baptist Church "by experience" January 20, 1810, and at one time was appointed doorkeeper of the church. He married Phoebe Rogers December 31, 1817, according to Marriage Book B, page 106, Warren County. Although the marriage license as issued bears date of 1817, the entry is erroneous (probably was 1807) as he died prior to November 3, 1817, as indicated by reference to "Phoebe Rogers Darden relect of Jacob Darden," in Miscellaneous Records, Warren County. Also on December 1, 1817 "Phoeby Darden widow of Jacob Darden appeared in open court" and "made choice of her dower in the distribution of her deceased husband's estate." (Miscellaneous Records, Warren County.)

Abner and David Darden, sons of Jacob Darden, were granted letters of administration of his estate on November 3, 1817. John Harris was security. Estate Book B, page 154, shows returns made by the administrators in 1818. Also, page 163, Estate Book B, shows returns made in 1819 for such items as cash paid to William Darden and Willis Darden and to Irby Dewberry, etc.

Very probably Jacob Darden was a widower, with at least four children, when he moved to Wilkes County, for the Compiler has found no record of his marriage, or mention of a wife, prior to the union with Phoebe Rogers mentioned above. Neither has any record been found of the death of a wife prior to December 31, 1817 (1807). Yet he had grown children at the time of his death prior to November 3, 1817, including sons Abner Darden and David Darden, administrators of his estate in 1818 and 1819, and a daughter, Eady Darden, who married Jethro Darden, Jr., May 9, 1815, son of Stephen[5] Darden and Ann Darden. Thus Phoebe Rogers Darden could not have been their mother. She very evidently was Jacob's second wife. Neither has any record been found that would indicate the possibility of another Jacob Darden and thereby add confusion to references to Jacob Darden of Williams Creek.

The children of Jacob Darden included the following:

1 Abner Darden, an administrator of his father's estate. In 1818 he was listed in Capt. Grier's District for 1 poll, 13 slaves, and 300 acres on Williams Creek. He married Temperance Hill February 22, 1821 (Marriage Book B, page 212, Warren County).

2 David Darden, an administrator of his father's estate. In 1818 he was listed in Capt. Grier's District for 1 poll and 3 slaves but no land. He married Matilda Clower December 23, 1819 (Marriage Book B, page 191, Warren County), who was the daughter of Jacob Clower and Sally (Darden) Clower and granddaughter of Stephen[5] Darden and Ann Darden.

3 Eady Darden, who married Jethro Darden, Jr. (son of Stephen[5] Darden and Ann Darden) May 9, 1815 (Marriage Book B, page 59, Warren County). Eady was received "by experience" into membership of the Williams Creek Baptist Church August 18, 1831. Eady Darden mortgaged 1,073 acres of land at Double Wells and 12 slaves to protect George S. Allen, William H. Pilcher, Nathaniel Wicker, as sureties on bond of $64,000.00 ("Given at the September term of the Court of Ordinary of Warren County in the year eighteen hundred and fifty nine.") to faithfully and honestly administer the estate of her husband, Jethro Darden, Jr. (Deed Book A-A, page 162, Warren County). In 1861 Eady Darden, administrator of the estate of her husband, Jethro Darden, Jr., sold to Thomas I. Pilcher, at public outcry, for $5,365.00 land whereon Jethro resided at the time of his death. "Advertised as containing 1,200 acres but really containing, as per a recent survey, 1,073 acres and lying on both sides of the Georgia Railroad and around Double Wells."

4 Jesse Darden. December 13, 1828, he deeded to his "loving niece Betsey Darden" daughter of his sister Eady Darden, "a certain negro girl by the name of Amanda...." Witnesses, Jethro Darden and Wm. Castleberry. (Deed Book A-A, page 243, Warren County.) Jesse Darden made a will June 5, 1855, probated June 9, 1856, in which he directed that $1,500.00 be used for the support of four children by a colored woman slave, Rose, "now the property of Jethro Darden," David Ellington Darden, "my relative," named Executor (Deed Book A, pages 247-248, Warren County). Jesse Darden seems never to have married and died between June 5, 1855, and June 9, 1856.

MOSES DARDEN OF WILLIAMS CREEK

Moses5 Darden. Not a great deal of information has been obtained concerning Moses5 Darden, brother of Stephen Darden, Jacob Darden, and Jethro Darden, all of Williams Creek. He probably came to Wilkes County, Georgia, with his brothers in the 1780's as he is listed in the Remnant Tax Digest, 1792-1793-1794, Wilkes County, with 2 polls and 2 slaves.

March 15, 1798, Moses Darden sold to Elisha Pruitt 400 acres and 200 acres (two tracts) on Hart's Creek in Warren County, Georgia, for $21.50 for each tract (Deed Book A, pages 461-462, Warren County). He had previously bought the land in 1794 at a tax sale.

In 1793 Moses Darden was listed for 1 poll, 3 slaves, and 100 acres on Williams Creek with neighbor Baker. In 1794 he was listed for 1 poll, 3 slaves, and 100 acres on Williams Creek with neighbors John Baker and George Harris. In 1805 he was listed for 1 poll, 10 slaves, 200 acres on Williams Creek with neighbor Baker (Darden Family History, page 173).

The Darden Family History, page 173, says "It seems possible that Moses Darden died in or before 1806...." In 1818 Moses Darden was listed for 1 poll, 12 slaves, and 200 acres on Williams Creek with neighbor Harris. Also on May 3, 1813, Moses Darden, Jethro Darden, and Ann Darden, widow of Stephen Darden, were appointed guardians of Nicholas Darden, Moses Darden (b. 1800), minor children of Stephen5 Darden, Matilda Clower, granddaughter of Stephen Darden and child of Jacob Clower and Sally (Darden) Clower. The similarity of entries indicated above leads the Compiler to believe the Moses Dardens mentioned were one and the same person.

Again, when Moses Darden, Jethro Darden, and Ann Darden were appointed guardians May 3, 1813, Jethro Darden, Jr. (son of Stephen) was about 18 years of age thus eliminating him - in the Compiler's opinion - as one of the guardians and thereby making Jethro Darden, Sr. (brother of Stephen) as the correctly named guardian. Likewise Moses Darden, son of Stephen, was not quite 13 years of age on May 3, 1813. That would eliminate him also as one of the guardians, indicating Moses the brother of Stephen5 Darden as the guardian appointed May 3, 1813. It seems reasonable that the brothers of Stephen Darden - Moses and Jethro, Sr. - would be appointed guardians rather than the sons of Stephen who were minors at the time.

Moses Darden of Williams Creek is mentioned as likely having a son named Moses (D.F.H., page 174) and he may have been a minor and orphan in 1806. It seems probable that this Moses Darden was the Moses Darden who was the youngest son of Stephen and Ann Darden, as Stephen's death has been established as between February 16, 1806, and May 4, 1807. Thus he would not be a son of Moses Darden (brother of Stephen) of Williams Creek but, rather, a nephew. Also, if he was the son of Stephen Darden and not the son of Moses Darden of Williams Creek, he was only 18 years of age when in 1818 a Moses Darden was listed in Capt. Grier's District for

1 poll, 12 slaves, and 200 acres on Williams Creek with neighbor Harris.

Considering all information available it is the Compiler's opinion Moses Darden of Williams Creek died between 1818 and December 20, 1827, when Willis Darden (a son) and Micajah Darden (a nephew), both of Warren County, sold 202-1/2 acres to John Baxter and signed the deed as "Manager of the Estate of Moses Darden, deed." (Deeds E, page 107, Monroe County, Georgia.)

It is also believed there were only two Moses Dardens in Warren County prior to 1818, namely Moses Darden of Williams Creek and Moses Darden (born August 31, 1800), the son of Stephen and Ann Darden of Williams Creek.

In the absence of authentic information to the contrary the following are listed as children of Moses Darden of Williams Creek. There probably were others.

1 William Darden. If he was the son of Moses Darden of Williams Creek, as the Compiler believes he was, he was born in Virginia 1777/1781 and came to Wilkes County with his father, or parents, when just a youngster. In his adult years he lived at Double Wells, Taliaferro County, formerly a part of Wilkes County. (The Compiler sought in vain to find authentic evidence in Warren and Taliaferro Counties linking Moses Darden of Williams Creek and William Darden as father and son.) William Darden married January 20, 1806, Polly Dewberry (Marriage Book A, Warren County), daughter of Irby Dewberry. Irby Dewberry made a will January 8, 1816, proved February 5, 1816, wife, Mary, and several children including Polly Darden, wife of William Darden. Executors, "... my beloved sons-in-law Benjamin Wynne and William Darden ...." (Warren County Wills, 1810-1829, pages 31-32.) He was security for Ann Darden and Jethro Darden, Sr., administrators of the estate of Stephen Darden, dec., May 4, 1809. The 1826 Census, Taliaferro County, Georgia, 602 Militia District, lists William Darden, 1 female over 18 (wife ), 2 males under 18, 5 females under 18, 21 slaves, land in Taliaferro, Monroe, and Dooley Counties, Georgia. He made a will January 2, 1839, proved June 6, 1842, executors, sons Abner Darden and William F. Darden (Will Book A, page 166, Warren County). No wife is mentioned in 1839. Very probably his wife Polly (Dewberry) Darden was not living at the time. Their children, but not in order of birth, were: (a) Lucinda Darden, married Benjamin F. Nunnelea January 1, 1828; (b) Elizabeth Ann Darden, married William A. Morris April 22, 1830, (c) Abner Darden, born January 19, 1812, died July 19, 1877; married February 9, 1831, Nancy Morris, born February 22, 1811, died about 1891; they had six children; (d) Caroline Darden, married Henry H. Kirkland June 28, 1832; (e) William F. Darden, born 1817, died in Polk County, Georgia, 1884; married August 24, 1836, Elizabeth Ann Gresham of Crawfordville, Georgia, born December 13,

1817, died October 8, 1897, at Ragan, Talladega County, Alabama; (f) Mary Ann Darden, married Absalom Gresham August 25, 1836; (g) Thomas Darden, died in childhood. (Note: The marriage dates mentioned above are as recorded in Marriage Book A, Taliaferro County, Georgia.

2 Willis Darden, dates of birth and death are unknown. Married Susan Colbert October 26, 1815 (Marriage Records, 1806-1850, Hancock County, Georgia). The Compiler has no information that Willis and Susan had any children. He was living in Warren County, Georgia, in 1818 where he was listed in Capt. Rogers' District for 1 poll, 5 slaves, and 362 acres on Redlick Creek with neighbor Wynn.
December 20, 1827, Willis Darden and Micajah Darden of Warren County sold to John Baxter 202-1/2 acres and signed the deed as "Manager of the estate of Moses Darden, decd." (Deed Book E, page 107, Monroe County, Georgia.) As stated above it is the Compiler's opinion that Willis Darden was a son of Moses Darden of Williams Creek.

3 Jesse Darden. The "Darden Family History," page 174, lists a Jesse Darden as a likely child of Moses Darden of Williams Creek, then asks: "Is this the Jesse Darden whose will dated June 5, 1855, was pvd. June 9, 1856, by the executor, David E. Darden, who was named as his relative?" The Jesse Darden (will dated 1855) was a son of Jacob Darden of Williams Creek as shown above.
Jesse Darden (D.F.H., page 174) made a will dated November 21, 1826, probated January 2, 1827, Henry Gibson of Columbia County, Georgia, sole executor, witnesses, William B. Handly, Jacob Spivey, and Thomas W. Battle. Bequeathed to wife, Christian Darden, lands, slaves, household goods. Also bequests made to "Priscilla, Polly, Calvin, Daughters and Son of Arcada Hearn." The children of Arcada Hearn may have been grandchildren, however, his will does not mention any children of Jesse and Christian Darden (Warren County Wills, 1810-1829, page 140). In all probability this Jesse Darden was a son of Moses Darden of Williams Creek. Was Christian Darden who married Dingly Lokey November 13, 1828 (Marriage Book B-C, Page 122, Warren County) the widow of this Jesse Darden?
Also, the "Darden Family History," page 174, mentions a Micajah Darden as likely a son of Moses Darden of Williams Creek. Only one Micajah Darden has been disclosed in the Compiler's research concerning the Dardens of Warren, Taliaferro, and Wilkes Counties and he was a son of Stephen5 Darden and Ann Darden and born about 1780.

JETHRO DARDEN OF WILLIAMS CREEK

Jethro Darden probably moved from Nansemond County, Virginia, with his brothers Stephen, Jacob, and Moses Darden, in the early 1780's-1790's.

In a letter dated September 18, 1941, from the late Miss Leila Darden of Kingston, Georgia (great granddaughter of Moses Darden, son of Stephen and Ann Darden of Williams Creek) to the Georgia State Department of Archives and History, reference is made to Jethro Darden as "a brother of Stephen Darden." Thus Jethro$_4$ Darden of Williams Creek would have been a son of Stephen$^4$ Darden (see Fourth Generation in Virginia).

On the other hand, Mrs. Helen Phillips Seebach (great, great granddaughter of Jonathan Darden, who married Martha Stone January 13, 1822, and a son of Jethro Darden of Williams Creek) of Louisville, Jefferson County, Georgia, is of the opinion that Jethro descends through Jethro$^4$ Darden who signed the partition deed from Stephen$^3$ Darden dated November 9, 1752.

Jethro$^5$ Darden was one of the original 37 members of "The Church of Christ on Williams Creek constituted by John Thomas 22nd Dec$^r$. 1787." The church later became known as the Williams Creek Baptist Church and it still functions. He was active in its affairs until 1825/1830, as indicated in the church minutes, when he moved to Monroe County, Georgia.

The first land transaction the Compiler found involving Jethro$^5$ Darden was the sale of 60 acres to Stephen Darden March 3, 1795 (Deed Book D, page 91, Warren County). Jethro and Ann (Nancy?) Darden, widow of Stephen Darden, were administrators of the "goods, chattels, and credits of Stephen Dardin, deceased...." Listed as sureties were "Ann (Nancy) Dardin, Jethro Dardin, Sr., Jacob Dardin, and William Dardin" who "are held and firmly bound unto the Court of Ordinary of Warren County in the sum of eight thousand dollars...." (Recorded January 25, 1809, Warren County Administrations, 1795-1809.) January 11, 1805, Jethro sold to James Matthews land on Williams Creek (Deed Book B, page 339) and on the same date he sold 18 acres on Williams Creek to Timothy Matthews (Deed Book B, page 375). Likewise on January 11, 1805, he sold to John Fontaine 117 acres on the head waters of Williams Creek, being part of a tract formerly belonging to Peter Perkins, decd. (Deed Book B, page 404.) In 1818 Jethro is listed in Capt. Parkam's District as having 4 slaves and 438 acres on Williams Creek with neighbor Alexander.

Jethro$^5$ Darden married Ellender Perkins (probably in Georgia), daughter of Peter and Sarah Perkins, who came to Georgia and the Wrightsboro Colony with the original Quaker group in 1768. (Information from Mrs. Helen Phillips Seebach of Louisville, Georgia--Compiler.) He made a will in Monroe County, Georgia (Will Book A, page 110), but it is not dated, probated July 3, 1837, signed J. Darden (not Jet or Jethro).

The will names Wilson Darden and Stephen Darden as executors. Bequeathed $500.00 to "Wilson Darden in trust for my daughter Lucetta Ponder" and after her death, if any remains, it "is to revert to and become a part of my estate - - - - -." He also bequeathed $300.00 to the children of his son Jonathan Darden, deceased, "to be equally divided between them", and $350.00 to the children of James Hill "to be equally divided between them". After payment of all just debts and the above mentioned legacies he bequeathed "unto my beloved wife, Ellender Darden, the remainder and residue of all my property both real and personal". After her death the remainder of his estate to be sold and "divided equally between Wilson Darden, Stephen Darden, Elizabeth W.------, Mary Rhodes, Ann Darden, and John Weaver Darden".

Based on his will and other sources of information the children of Jethro[5] Darden and Ellender (Perkins) Darden were:

1 Lucetta Darden, married ----- Ponder, may be Daniel Ponder who moved to Monroe County, Georgia about 1823. Their children are said to have moved to Louisiana. (Darden Family History, page 175).

2 Wilson Darden. Married Frances ----- and had at least Ellender Darden and Ann Darden. (Darden Family History, page 175).

3 Stephen Darden, Married Frances ---- - . Made will December 16, 1844, probated January 13, 1845. Mentions wife Frances who was to receive property for life; nephew John H. W. Darden; Ellender Darden and Ann Darden, children of Wilson and Frances Darden; Elizur Wynn and William Wynn, children of Lemuel and Ann (Darden) Wynn. (Darden Family History, page 175.)

4 Elizabeth Darden. Married Irby Wynne (Winn) March 4, 1823. Mentioned in her father's will.

5 Mary Darden. Married ----- Rhodes and so named in her father's will.

6 Ann Darden. Married Lemuel Wynn. They had at least Elizur Wynn and William Wynn as mentioned in the will of their uncle Stephen Darden.

7 John Weaver Darden. Name of wife unknown, had at least a son, John H.W. Darden as mentioned in the will of his uncle Stephen Darden.

8 Martha Darden. Date of birth unknown. Married James Hill December 28, 1815. Date of death unknown, however, her death probably occurred prior to the marriage of James Hill and Sarah (Sally) Darden July 30, 1824. The will of Jethro Darden, probated July 3, 1837, mentions Nancy -----, Eliza Hill, Frances Hill, Mary Ann Hill, William Hill, James Washington Hill, and Henry Hill children of James Hill. As Sarah (Sally) Darden was the daughter of Jethro Darden, Sr., (see below), and married James Hill July 30, 1824, it could be that some of James Hill's children mentioned immediately above were not all the children of his marriage to Martha Darden.

9 Jonathan Darden. Born March 30, 1795. Married "Patsy" Martha Stone January 13, 1822. See below.

10 Sarah (Sally) Darden. The minutes of the Williams Creek Baptist Church, Warren County, Georgia, record that "Sally Darden, daughter of Jethro Darden" was received into membership "by experience" November 18, 1809. This Sally Darden could not have been the daughter of Jethro Darden, Jr., as he did not marry until May 9, 1815. She married James Hill July 30, 1824.

11 Luroney Darden. Married Green Darden May 24, 1826. The minutes of the Williams Creek Baptist Church also record that Luroney Darden, "daughter of Jethro Darden," was received into membership October 16, 1824. She too could not have been the daughter of Jethro Darden, Jr., as he and Eady Darden were not married until May 9, 1815, as stated above. If so, she would not have been more than ten years of age on May 24, 1826, when she and Green Darden were married. It is very evident that Luroney was the daughter of Jethro Darden, Sr.

## Jonathan Darden

Jonathan Darden, son of Jethro Darden, Sr., and Ellender (Perkins) Darden, born March 20, 1795, died July 1836. Married "Patsy" Martha Stone, daughter of Micajah and Mary Stone, January 13, 1822 (Marriage Book B, page 277, Warren County, Georgia). Martha was born March 4, 1796, and died October 17, 1836. Both Jonathan and Martha Darden died young and their children were reared by their uncle, William Stone, who was appointed their guardian in May 1845 (Minutes of Inferior Court, page 39, Warren County, Georgia). Their children were:

1 Dr. George W. Darden, born September 4, 1824, died 1868. Married Nancy Fowler of Warren County. In 1868 he was the editor and publisher of a weekly newspaper during the troublesome times following the "War Between the States" when the Ku Klux Klan was active. An article criticizing some of the misdeeds of the Klan was resented by it and he was ordered to retract the statement. On his refusal to do so he was taken from his home and, within sound distance of his family, shot by the Klan.

Dr. George W. Darden was graduated from the College of Medicine, University of Georgia, in 1849. He and Nancy (Fowler) Darden had at least the following children (there may have been others): (a) Dr. Horace Darden, born January 16, 1858, died November 16, 1950, in Sparta, Hancock County, Georgia. Married April 20, 1882, Virginia Coleman, born April 20, 1858, died September 1948. They had two sons and a daughter: Clifford Darden who died at Camp Gordon, Georgia, about the time of World War I; William Washington Darden, living in Union Point, Georgia, in 1963; Mrs. Estelle Darden Bell, living in Sandersville, Washington County, Georgia, in 1963. At the time of

his death Dr. Horace Darden was the oldest living alumnus of the College of Medicine, University of Georgia, from which he was graduated in 1879; (b) John (Jack) Darden, date of birth unknown, died in Laurens County, Georgia; (c) Matthew Darden, lived at Powellton, Georgia.

2 Mary Ann Darden. Married ----- Harrell and moved to Louisiana.

3 Rebecca Jane Darden. Married Stewart and moved to Mississippi.

4 Martha Elizabeth Darden, born March 27, 1832, died September 12, 1863. Married William Fleming of Louisville, Jefferson County, Georgia, October 22, 1852. She is buried in Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia. Martha and William Fleming had three daughters and after the death of their mother at 31 years of age they were reared in Louisville, Georgia, by their father's relatives. The three daughters were: (a) Virginia Fleming, born 1853, died 1886; married James C. Little 1872; (b) Helen Fleming, born 1855, died 1885, married Samuel M. Clark 1875; (c) Louisa Fleming, born 1863, died 1884, never married. Children of Virginia (Fleming) Little and James C. Little: William Little, married Mary Brown; Eunice Little, married J. R. Williams; Edith Little, married Fred Atkinson; Emma Little, married Leonard Baldwin. Children of Helen (Fleming) Clark and Samuel M. Clark: Stella Clark, married J.R.O. Smith of Bartow, Georgia; Emily Clark, married John Robert Phillips of Louisville, Georgia, an attorney and former member of the Georgia State Highway Commission; James William Clark, married Mary Little; Ernest Matthias Clark, married Sarah Boatright; Claudia Clark, married Charles V. Clark, her cousin.

5 Jonathan (or John Wesley) Darden. Married Elizabeth Fowler July 1855.

6 Madison Darden. Married Mary Wynn February 6, 1869.

Note: Much of the information concerning Jonathan Darden and his descendants was furnished by Mrs. Helen Phillips Seebach of Louisville, Georgia, daughter of Emily (Clark) Phillips and John Robert Phillips and great, great granddaughter of Jonathan Darden and Martha (Stone) Darden--Compiler.

# ELISHA DARDEN OF WILLIAMS CREEK

Elisha Darden has been said to be one of the brothers who moved from Virginia to that part of Wilkes County, Georgia, that is now Warren County and located on or in the vicinity of Williams Creek. However, the Compiler is of the opinion that one of the two Elisha Dardens living in Wilkes County in the latter part of the 18th century was Elisha4 Darden (Stephen3, Jacob2, Stephen1 ), an uncle rather than a brother. The other Elisha, as shown hereinbefore, was the son of Stephen and Ann Darden of Williams Creek.

Capt. John Darden in his will dated May 11, 1788, probated February 5, 1789 (Isle of Wight, 10, page 125), mentions "land bought of Elisha Darden." Elisha Darden made a will dated December 3, 1788, probated July 9, 1789 (Will Book 4, page 319, Southampton County, Virginia). Ann Darden in her will dated January 31, 1809, probated March 15, 1813, gives son Elisha Darden all of her estate (Will Book 7, page 251, Southampton County, Virginia). The information given above in this paragraph is merely to eliminate other Elisha Dardens as possibly the one who lived on Williams Creek at least as early as 1793 and who was known to be living in Nansemond County, Virginia, 1743-1785. January 24, 1742 or 1743, Stephen3 Darden and his wife Elizabeth of Nansemond County sold Albritton Jones of Nottaway Parish, Isle of Wight County, 200 acres of land in Nottaway Parish. The deed was witnessed by Elisha Darden among others (Isle of Wight Deeds 6, page 175; Darden Family History, page 135).

In the Vestry Book of Upper Parish, Nansemond County, Virginia, 1743-1793, there are numerous entries concerning Elisha Darden in the period of November 28, 1765, to February 21, 1785, including the following: (1) At a "Vestry held at Belson Wright s in Suffolk Town, November the 28th 1765 for the Upt. Parish of Nansemond" it was ordered that "Elisha Darden, Clk. of Notaway Parrish" be paid 2,000 lbs. of tobacco for "2 years Service." (2) At a "Vestry held in the Town of Suffolk for the Upper Parish of Nansemond County Decmr. 17th 1781" Elisha Darden was appointed a Vestryman. (3) At a "Vestry held in the Town of Suffolk February 21st 1785" it was ordered that Elisha Darden be paid 19 pounds 8-1/2 shillings for "Sundries furnished Sarah Bembra."

Darden Family History, page 176, suggests Elisha Darden of Williams Creek may have been the father of Josiah Darden of Warren County, Georgia. Josiah Darden came to Wilkes County (Warren County) prior to 1787 as he was one of the organizers of the Williams Creek Baptist Church December 22, 1787. It is reasonable to believe Elisha Darden came to Wilkes County from Virginia after 1785 and was living with his son Josiah Darden in 1793 when he was listed in Capt. Campbell's District, Wilkes County, for 1 poll but no slaves and no land. In 1794 Elisha Darden was likewise listed in the same District then in Warren County. In 1805 he was

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listed in Capt. E. Baker's District for 1 poll, no slaves, 85 acres on Williams Creek and in 1818 Elisha was living on Williams Creek in Capt. Grier's District for 85 acres, 1 or 2 slaves, 1 poll. Quite an old man by that time to be sure unless he was the Elisha Darden (born 1794/1795), son of Stephen5 Darden and Ann Darden. Further research concerning Elisha Darden of Williams Creek would indeed be interesting.

# I N D E X

(For identical names the father's given name is often added in parentheses.)


ABERCROMBIE, Clarise 26.
ADAMS, Ann (Darden), Jas., Sarah 5.
ALCORN, Chas. Wm., Jr. 21
ALEXANDER, --- 40.
ALLEN, Geo. S. 36.
AMANDA (slave), 36.
AMASON, Sally 22, 19
ANDREWS, John, L.M., Marshall Z., Mary, Mattie, Samantha 17; Warren 15.
APPLETON, Virginia, 33.
ARRINGTON, Arthur 6.
ATKINSON, Fred 43.

Bailey, Ruth 27
BAKER, John, (---) 37; Louise 28.
BALDWIN, Leonard 43.
BARROW, Eugene, Jas. H., Josiah, Mary J. 16.
BATTLE, Thos. W. 39
BAXTER, John 38, 39.
BEAMAN, Carlisle T. 22.
BECK, Fred S. 24.
BELL, Estelle (Darden) 42.
BEMBA, Sarah 44.
BENNET, Silvester (Silvestra) 3.
BIRCHMORE, Chas. C., Chas. Jr., Claude, Frances Darden, Mary Jeslin 22.
BLIZZARD, William 28.
BOATRIGHT, Sarah 43.
BRANNER, Eugene 28.
BRICE, Thomas 1.
BROOME, James 17.
BROWN, Betty Joy, Chas. H., Donald, Francis E., Henry C., John R., 31; Mary 43; Pearl Virginia (Rogers), Richard W., Richard R. 31; Robert Barron 30, 31; Sarah 31.
BUGG, --- 18.
BURDEN, Mattie Sue 26.
BURTON, Ludic Frances 26.
BUSSEY, Josephine 25.
BYBEE, Sallie Daugherty 21.

CARLISLE, Mary 32, 33.
CARR, Elizabeth, Mary, Robert 6.
CASTLEBERRY, William 36.
CHAFIN, John 12; Robert B. 28.
CHAMBLISS, Martha (Simms) 14.
CHAPMAN, Ruby 23
CLARK, Chas. V., Claudia, Emily, Ernest M., Helen (Fleming), Jas. Wm., Samuel, Stella 43
CLEMMONS, Rebecca Ann 15.
CLOWER, Jacob (Jack) 12, 36, 37; Matilda 12, 13, 36, 37; Sally (Darden) 12, 36, 37.
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# FOREWORD

It is to be noted on page 12 the information concerning Micajah Darden, son of Stephen Darden of Williams Creek, is very limited. The compiler's research in Wilkes, Taliaferro, and Warren Counties, Georgia, disclosed very little information relative to Micajah. It was learned after publication of "Dardens of Williams Creek" the scarcity of information is accounted for by the fact he moved from Warren County to Sumter County, Georgia, in 1837.

Mrs. H.W. Harvey (Leodicea Gurr) of Bronwood, Georgia, a great, great, grand-daughter of Micajah Darden subsequently made extensive searches in the Sumter County records and elsewhere and found much valuable information concerning him and his descendants.

All information concerning Micajah Darden and his wife Laodicea (Dicey) Darden and their descendants that was obtained subsequent to publication of the foregoing compilation is included herein as Addendum I.

Also, after publication of the foregoing compilation, the family Bible of Jacob Darden of Williams Creek (see pages 35 and 36) came to the attention of the compiler.

The Bible was printed in Philadelphia July 25, 1803, and in the middle of page 676 is the following.

THIS BIBLE

is the property of

Jacob Darden

All of the words are printed, as shown, except the name of Jacob Darden which is handwritten.

In the upper right hand corner of page 677 of the Bible is the handwritten name of "Jacob G. Darden" - no other information. Thus Jacob's middle name remains unknown.

The valuable and hitherto unknown information contained in the Bible concerning Jacob Darden and some of his descendants together with much information relative to other of Jacob's descendants furnished by Mrs. W. A. (Mary Dumas) Smith, Route 3, Barnesville, Georgia, great, great, grand-daughter of Jacob Darden of Williams Creek, is included herein as Addendum II.

Note: On page 168 of the Darden Family History, compiled by Newton Jasper Darden, William Darden, born November 18, 1786, is shown as the son of James Madison Darden and Drucilla (Burch) Darden. His relationship to Mrs. Smith and Jacob Darden is discussed hereinafter in Addendum II.

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# ADDENDUM I

## MICAJAH DARDEN

As stated in the FOREWORD information concerning Micajah Darden (see page 12) is very limited. However, much information has subsequently been furnished by Mrs. H.W. (Leodicea Gurr) Harvey, Bronwood, Georgia, a great, great grand-daughter of Micajah, which is included in that shown below and is the result of her later research.

Micajah Darden, son of Stephen Darden of Williams Creek and Ann (Ellington) Darden, was born in Virginia about 1777 or 1778 - died in Sumter County, Georgia, in 1858 whence he had moved with his family in 1837 from Warren County, Georgia. He married Laodicea (Dicey) Darden November 10, 1800 in Warren County, Georgia. (Marriage Book A, Taliaferro County, Georgia.)

The Compiler's research and that of others disclosed no information other than that "Dicey" was the wife of Micajah and nothing to identify her parents. However, Leodicea (Dicey) Darden Kenney, a grand-daughter of Micajah and "Dicey," who remembered her grandparents once stated that Micajah and Dicey were cousins which is understood by later descendants to mean first cousins. Thus "Dicey" was a daughter of either Stephen, Moses, Jethro, or Jacob Darden - all of Williams Creek and brothers. She definitely was not a daughter of Stephen or Jethro and research has revealed nothing that would indicate or imply she was a daughter of Moses Darden. This leaves only Jacob Darden as the probable father of "Dicey" which is further borne out by the following: Jacob Darden and Luraner Hill were married in Chatham County, North Carolina, March 15, 1782 (Marriage Records, Chatham County, North Carolina). The U.S. Census for Sumter County, Georgia dated September 24, 1850 records that Laodicea Darden was 68 years of age when the census was taken - the 1850 census also records the place of her birth as North Carolina. (At the time of the marriage of Micajah and "Dicey" in Warren County, Georgia, November 10, 1800 both Stephen and Jacob Darden were living in Warren County). The dates of the marriage of Jacob Darden and Luraner Hill in North Carolina in 1782 and the birth of "Dicey" in North Carolina in 1782 match up so well as to leave little or no room for doubt that she was the daughter of Jacob and Luraner (Hill) Darden and therefore the first cousin of Micajah as indicated by Leodicea Darden Kenney.

On the other hand "Dicey" is not listed in the Jacob Darden Bible, mentioned in Addendum II, as one of Jacob's daughters. Why she was not listed is an unanswerable question for she was living in Warren County at the time entries were made in the Bible by John Smith May 7, 1805. Both Micajah and "Dicey" are buried in the family cemetery about twelve miles west of Americus, Sumter County, Georgia.

Micajah paid taxes in Warren County in 1818 (Blair's Tax Digest of Georgia, page 252) and his first land purchases, after moving to Sumter County, seem to have been January 29, 1838 when he purchased land from S. Mangamery and September 28, 1839 when he purchased from Elizabeth Johnson part of Land Lot 33 in the 26th District. (Deed Book E, page 272, Sumter County). On March 25, 1854 he sued Seaborn Dozier in Inferior Court for a debt of $213.34 and won.

Micajah made a will November 20, 1854 - probated June 6, 1859. He appointed "my son Elbert Darden and Andrew J. Williams (my son-in-law) Executors to this my last Will and Testament." (Will Book A, page 54, Sumter County, Georgia).

In "Item second" of the will Micajah bequeathed to "my beloved wife, Laodicea, for and during her natural life one negro girl by the name of Luizar, fifteen hundred dollars in cash and one bed, bedstead and furniture and in the event of the death of my wife the property left to her to be equally divided among my several children share and share alike."

"Item third" directed that the rest of his property "of every kind, both real and personal" be sold and the proceeds be "equally divided among my several children .... my grandchildren James W., Warren T., and Simeon S. Battle to be entitled to one share or to a child's part of my estate or to one-seventh of the same."

"Item fourth" directed "that the amount I paid for the place where my daughter, Sarah Edge now lives (which was three hundred and fifty dollars) shall be deducted from the share that may be coming to her...."

In Returns Book E, Sumter County, are appraisements and reports of sales of Micajah's estate and a summary of his estate. The executors classified the "Land, Personalty, and Negroes." The "Personalties" included his livestock, corn, farm tools, two spinning wheels, bee hives, one ox-cart and yoke, pots, pans, bureaus, etc. The land and negroes were valued at $19,727.00 but when sold the negroes brought $23,156.00 and the land $1,920.00. The sum of all sales and collections was $29,909.21.

All of Micajah's sons and sons-in-law were indebted to him in one way or another except son-in-law Teel. Later, sons Elbert, Jesse, Warren, and sons-in-law Battle and Andrew J. Williams "bought in" some of the property.

The children of Micajah and Laodicea (Dicey) were as follows but not necessarily in order of birth.

1. Elbert Darden - born in Warren County, Georgia, in 1801 - died June 13, 1872 in Terrell County, Georgia, and is buried in the cemetery of the Old Baptist Church in Bronwood, Georgia. Married 1st Mary B. Stevens (Stephens) March 6, 1823 in Warren County. See below. In 1845 Elbert married 2nd Mary Elizabeth Allen, nee Beckwith, the widow of Elisha Allen. See below. In 1853 Elbert married Pency Varner, a widow with several children. (Marriage Book 3, page 84, Sumter County). There were no children born of this union. Pency died in Terrell County, Georgia, in 1892.
2. Sophia Darden - Dates of birth and death unknown - married Simeon S. Battle. Their children as mentioned in the will of Micajah Darden but not necessarily in order of birth: (a) James W. Battle;(b) Warren T. Battle -

wife Martha Jane .... December 11, 1863 his widow was given letters of administration on his estate. (Administration and Bonds, Sumter County). The children of Warren T. Battle were Sarah, Sophia, and Warren T. Battle, Jr.; (c) Simeon Battle. June 4, 1862 Elbert Darden and Warren Darden were given temporary letters of administration on estate of Simeon S. Battle.

3. Mary Darden. Dates of birth and death unknown - married D. Teel, a native of England who had no relatives in America. His father-in-law, Micajah Darden, gave him a home (presumably some land) and some slaves. He subsequently increased his slave holdings and at the time of the "Emancipation Proclamation" he owned over one hundred slaves. He treated his slaves well, never whipped one, and became angry with a son-in-law who used the whip. After the war D. Teel moved from Sumter County to Quitman County, Georgia, where some of his descendants still live. The children of D. Teel and Mary (Darden) Teel were (a) Polina Teel - born August 6,1834 - died March 12, 1915 - married John McMath. They had seven sons Clay, John, Warren Akins, Albert, Mercer, Will, Hawkins, and two daughters, Nora and one now deceased; (b) Narcissus Teel - married William McMath - their children (1) Sallie McMath - born 1852 - died 1938 - married Lee Patton - among their children is Ada who married Claud Harvey of Sumter County where she was living in 1964. The children of Ada and Claud Harvey included a son and two daughters; (2) Ada McMath married William McMath, her cousin; (3) John McMath married Ada Arrington - daughter of Ellen (Williams) Arrington and Robert Ricks Arrington; (4) Cora McMath never married; (5) Mary McMath never married; (6) Susan McMath who was killed in a storm while young; (7) Joe McMath on whom there is no information, (c) Lucinda Teel - married .... Finch and had three daughters, namely Eva, Lena, Fannie, one son, Tom and probably others. Eva married .... Turner and was living in Smithville, Georgia, in 1964; (d) Alec Teel married ..... and had one son, Pat Teel, living in Quitman County, Georgia, in 1961 and a daughter who was living in Cuthbert, Georgia, in 1961. There were possibly other children.
Mary (Darden) Teel lived, after the death of her husband, with her daughter Polina (Teel) McMath in Sumter County.
Note: The information concerning the Teel Family was given to Mrs. H.W. Harvey (Leodicea Gurr) by Miss Nora McMath November 24, 1961 when she was 94 years of age. Compiler.

4. Sarah Darden - born 1815 (Census 1850, Sumter Co.) - married A.A. Edge and lived in Sumter County, Georgia. She is mentioned in her father's will.

5. Elizabeth Darden - married Andrew J. (Jack) Williams. He was an executor of the will of his father-in-law, Micajah Darden and for many years he was Clerk, Superior Court, Sumter County, Georgia. Their children were: (a) Molly Williams - married Robert Dozier and they had eight children, namely, Lizzie - married .... Williams and had one child; Sarah married .... Larra - no children; Jack, Robert Lee Hiram, Eugenia, Emma, Oscar - none ever married. (b) Nancy Williams

married Benjamin Buchanan and had six children, namely, Anderson Washington - married Willie ....; Joseph Micajah - married Mattie Powell; Lillie, never married; Clay - married Winnie Covington; India - married .... Carr; Minnie - married Mize .... (c) Washington Williams, never married, killed in Civil War; (d) Ellen Williams married Robert R. Arrington October 21, 1867. (Marriage Book 4, Sumter County, Georgia). Their children were: Ada, born 1869, died 1948, married John McMath; William married Nellie Hayes; Leila married Homer Chambers; Joel married Mabel Johnston; Evan moved to Texas and married there- name of wife unknown; Clyde married Josey Halsted; Ernest married Annie Lou Johnston; Alma married Coleman Daniel; Haywood married Cora ___; (e) Sarah Sophie Williams, born August 18, 1842, died June 14, 1920, married Robert Alexander Darden, her first cousin, son of Warren Darden and Sarah (Parham) Darden. They had seven children; (f) Anna Williams never married, lived with her father; (g) Dawson Williams married George Jordan - their children were: Gertrude-never married; Eugenia married Winn _____; Bess married Joseph Barnes; Cora married Maje Pitcher; Frank married _____ Crutchfield.

6. Warren Darden, born 1805 (Census 1850, Sumter County), married 1st Sarah Parham , October 3, 1837 in Warren County, Georgia. Their children: (a) Robert Alexander Darden, born June 15, 1846, died January 9, 1932, married Sarah Sophie Williams, born August 10, 1842, died June 14, 1920. She was his first cousin, a daughter of Andrew J. Williams and Elizabeth (Darden) Williams. Their children: (1) Washington Franklin Darden, born October 14, 1866, died August 11, 1961, married December 13, 1896 Josephine Alberta Dupree, born January 25, 1875. Washington Franklin Darden and Josephine (Dupree) Darden had nine children namely: Frederick Eugene Darden - born September 25, 1897 - died April 18, 1899; Arthur Franklin Darden - born March 21, 1899 - married Susie Virginia McCorkle; Annie Vera Darden- born January 11, 1901 -married Charles Neil Hagerson; Walter Clifford Darden-born December 18, 1902- married Lydia Pearl Owens; Millard Luther Darden - born May 3, 1905- married Anna Margaret Guest; Harold W. Darden -born February 28, 1908 -married Nannie Ruth Smith; Mary Evelyn Darden -born April 28, 1911 -married John Rufus Cook; Robert Benjamin Darden -born March 14, 1914- married Frances Care; Ethel Lillian Darden - born 1920-died December 10, 1930. (2) Jack Darden -died young; (3)Charles Burton Darden -born September 29, 1873-died December 5, 1938- never married; (4) Mary Lizie Darden -married William Dupree; (5) Annie Lou Darden -married William Dozier; (6) Robert Anderson Darden -born 1884-died 1950. (b) Stephen Darden - died young; (c) Annie Darden -never married -lived in Sumter County with her father; (d) Annette Darden -married 1st _____ Woods and moved to Brantley, Alabama, after his death. Married 2nd ____ Wyatt.

Note: The dates in Washington Franklin Darden's family shown above are from "The Kinard Record" compiled by Rev. Lynwood Dean Jordan, Tampa, Florida, and furnished by Mrs. H. W. Harvey (Leodicea Gurr). Compiler.

Warren Darden married 2nd Sarah Little. December 5, 1866 in Sumter County, Georgia, by J.N. McLain, M.G. (minister of the gospel). Marriage certificate issued November 30, 1866 by H. W. Bruner, Ordinary, Sumter County (Marriage Book 4, page 253, Sumter County, Georgia). They had no children. He married 3rd a Miss Morrison of Schley County, Georgia -they had one son, Warren, Jr., who married Martha Patton of Worth County, Georgia, and they had two daughters Margaret and Christine.

7. Jesse Darden, born 1816 (Census 1850 Sumter County), married Martha _____ who was born about 1814. Later moved to Mississippi. Their children (a) William Henry Darden, born July 20, 1840, died May 1, 1885, married Susie Kinard, born August 17, 1858, died November 25, 1940. They had five children, namely, Fannie Florine Darden -born February 11, 1875 in Terrell County, Georgia, died August 1, 1945 - married Benjamin F. Dupree November 30, 1890 -buried Dothan, Ala., William Jesse Darden -born August 14, 1878 in Terrell County, died in Titusville, Florida, married Sarah Cornelia Taylor in 1900, George Barney Darden born in Terrell County January 21, 1881, died July 7, 1881; James Thomas Darden - born September 2, 1882 in Sumter County, Georgia -died January 3, 1946 and is buried in Colorado Springs, Colorado- married Clara Levi September 2, 1904; John Henry Darden, born January 18, 1886, died March 16, 1908.
Note: The dates shown in the William Henry Darden and Susie (Kinard) Darden family above were furnished by Mrs. Charles Neil Hagerson, daughter of Washington Franklin Darden. Compiler. (b) Micajah Darden, born 1843, killed in the Civil War; (c) Mary A. Darden, born 1844- married _____ Lansford; (d) Nancy A. Darden, born 1848; (e) Martha J. Darden, born 1852; (f) Frances R. Darden, born 1854, married _____ Cook; (g) Thomas J. Darden, born 1858.
Note: The date of births shown immediately above are from the Census 1850, Sumter County, Georgia and Census 1860, Terrell County, Georgia, and furnished by Mrs. H. W. Harvey. Compiler.

March 2, 1848 Jesse Darden was appointed guardian of Lorenzo Reynolds, probably an orphan and minor. Lorenzo married Leodicea (Dicey) Darden, the daughter of Elbert Darden and Mary Elizabeth (Beckwith) Darden. In 1856 Jesse was sued by Seaborn Dozier for $34.15. Jesse lost.

## Elbert Darden

Elbert Darden, eldest child of Micajah Darden and Laodicea (Dicey) Darden, born in Warren County, Georgia, in 1801, died January 13, 1872 in Terrell County, Georgia, married 1st Mary B. Stevens (Stephens), sister of Alexander H Stephens, Vice President of the Confederate States of America, March 6, 1823 (Marriage Book B, page 296, Warren County, Georgia). No children were born of this marriage and she died young. Elbert Married 2nd Mary Elizabeth Allen, nee Beckwith, widow of Elisha (Elijah) Allen by whom

she had two children - Joseph Allen and James C. Allen. Elbert and Mary Elizabeth had two daughters and one son. See below. Mary Elizabeth Beckwith Darden died in 1853.
In 1853 Elbert married Pency Varner, a widow with several children (Marriage Book 3, page 84, Sumter County, Georgia). There were no children born of this union.

May 5, 1851, Elbert Darden was appointed guardian of Joseph Allen and James C. Allen, orphans and minors of Elisha (Elijah) Allen (Book OO, Administrations and Guardians Bonds, Wills, 1838-1855, Sumter County, Georgia). In 1855-1856 he made four guardian reports as shown in Return Book 17, Sumter County. December 3, 1825 he was a witness to the will of Robert Hill in Warren County, Georgia, before moving to Sumter County and he is mentioned in the will of Benjamin Crenshaw recorded in Warren and Taliaferro Counties, Georgia. June 14, 1862, Elbert Darden and Warren Darden were given temporary letters of administration on the estate of Simeon S. Battle deceased, husband of Sophia Darden (Book I, Temporary administrations and Bonds, page 49, Sumter County, Georgia).

Elbert moved from Sumter County to Terrell County between 1862, when he bought land from Lorenzo Reynolds, and 1865. His daughter Leodicea (Dicey) remembered being taken by her father to the Confederate Prison at Andersonville, Georgia, when they lived in Sumter County, and remembered when the slaves were freed. In 1863 she received a letter from her half-brother James C. Allen in the Confederate Army in Virginia addressed to "Miss Disa Darden, Terrell County, Georgia." He ran a wagon train to the coast during the Civil War to bring back needed supplies, especially salt.

The children of Elbert Darden and Mary Elizabeth (Beckwith) Darden were:

1. Mary Darden - born 1846 (Census 1850, Sumter Co.)- married "Gus" Reynolds, brother of Lorenzo Reynolds the first husband of Leodicea (Dicey) her sister. Mary and "Gus" moved to Alabama, location unknown, and had at least one child, Joseph. After the death of Mary, her husband married again.
2. Benjamin Darden - born 1848 (Census 1850, Sumter County) - married and had a son, Rufus - moved to Alabama or Mississippi.
3. Leodicea (Dicey) Darden - born 1849 (Census 1850, Sumter County)- married 1st Lorenzo Dow Reynolds -brother of "Gus" Reynolds mentioned above. They lived in Terrell County, Georgia, and had three children. Lorenzo died after February 1876. See below. "Dicey" Darden Reynolds married 2nd Andrew Jackson Kenney December 3, 1876, and had three children. See below. "Dicey" remembered that she, her brother Ben, and sister Mary were at "Aunt Betsy's" house when their father sent the carriage for them to come to his wedding with the widow Pency Varner.

   Children of Leodicea (Dicey) Darden Reynolds and Lorenzo Dow Reynolds (born in 1839-Census 1850, Sumter County) were: (1) Elizabeth Reynolds, born August 1, 1870-died July 31, 1894-married Clay McMath (grandson of Mary Darden Teel and D. Teel) and had (a) Dow Ellis, Captain World War I-married

_____ but had no children, now deceased; (b) Rusha Belle-married 1st Leonard Matthews and after his death married 2nd Paul Papke -she was living in Columbus, Georgia, in 1964; (c) Dean - a cotton broker - married Irene Lemke - living in Atlanta, Georgia in 1964, no children.

2. William Walter Reynolds - born September 7, 1872, died June 30, 1932 at Tifton, Georgia. Married Florene Poole -their children were Madison Irene -born May 16, 1902; Jessie Lee,born January 3, 1904; Walter Margrett-born June 8, 1906, died December 1, 1918; Johnnie Montez, born January 22, 1908; Katherine, born June 22, 1911, died December 1960; Mary Elizabeth, born August 22, 1913; Andrew Julian, born May 5, 1916; Helen Poole, born January 31, 1921. Florene Poole Reynolds and some of her children were living in Tifton, Georgia, in 1964.

3. Jessie Reynolds - married Charles Aven of Terrell County, Georgia. There were no children born of this union.

Children of Leodicea (Dicey) Darden Kenney and Andrew J. Jackson Kenney:

1. Ada Kenney, born Oct. 3, 1877, married James Walter Gurr, March 10, 1897. He had one child Will Anne Gurr by a previous marriage to Lulu Lundy. Four children were born to Ada Kenney Gurr and James Walter Gurr, namely, (a) Leodicea Gurr, born April 18, 1898, married T. W. Harvey and living in Bronwood, Georgia, in 1965, no children;(b) Rochelle Gurr, born August 22 1900, married John L. Winstanley and was living in Dunedin, Florida, in 1965, no children; (c) Nancy Gurr, born October 8, 1902, married John L. Elliott, M.D., living in Savannah, Georgia in 1965, their children: Nancy Ann and John Augustin. (John Elliott had two daughters by a former marriage, Josephine and Mary Lou); (d) James Walter Gurr, Jr., born September 8, 1907, Col. U.S. Air Force, retired, living in Carrabelle, Florida, in 1965, married 1st Rebecca Wooten and had two sons: James Walter III, who died in a hunting accident in 1951, and John Wooten, Captain U.S. Army. Married 2nd Grace Flowers Peacock, no children of this marriage.

Ada Kenney Gurr, 86 years of age and was living with her daughter, Leodicea Gurr Harvey in Bronwood, Georgia, in 1965.

2. Ida Kenney, born July 17, 1879, died April 22, 1961, Married John F. Miller and lived in Bronwood, Georgia. They had four children, (a) Mary Elizabeth Miller, born May 25, 1906, died December 17, 1963, married Clarence Holland of Bronwood, Georgia, lived in Jacksonville, Florida. They had two sons: James C. Holland, born April 19, 1925, died July 25, 1945 over Kure Harbor, Honshu, Japan, as Air Crewman, U.S.N.R., and Robert David Holland, living with his family in Jacksonville, Florida, in 1965.

(b) James Sidney Miller, born November 24, 1909, died March 30, 1943, no children; (c) Ida Linda Miller, born March 13, 1915, Married William R. Davlin, living in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in 1965 and has one daughter, Elizabeth; (d) Jessie Belle Miller, born January 1, 1918, married 1st Tommy Sims and had one daughter, married 2nd W. L. Denson. Jessie (Miller) Denson and daughter (the child of her marriage to Tommy Sims) were living in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1965.

3. Andrew Roy Kenney, born February 23, 1888, died 1960, married Anna Belle Simpson of Bronwood, Georgia, and Shellman. They had one daughter, Anna Frances Kenney who was born December 1, 1927, and married Louis M. Belisle of New Hampshire, in 1964 were living in College Park, Georgia. The children of Anna Frances (Kenney) Belisle and Louis M. Belisle: Andrew Dean Belisle; Robert Kenney Belisle; Louann Belisle; Claire Belisle.

Roy Kenney operated farm and farm-connected businesses in Shellman and Randolph County, Georgia, where they lived.

# ADDENDUM II
## JACOB DARDEN OF WILLIAMS CREEK

The last paragraph of page 35 states "very probably Jacob Darden was a widower" when he moved to Wilkes County, Georgia. This is now known to be erroneous for on page 678 in the Jacob Darden Bible "Luraner his wife" is mentioned. Also, the following is from the marriage records of Chatham County, North Carolina.

"Jacob Darden, Groom
Luraner Hill, Bride
Date of Bond: Mar. 15, 1782
Bondsman and Witness: Deberry Chapman."

Jacob Darden - date of birth unknown- "Died Sept. the 9 Day 1817".(pge 679-Jacob Darden Bible) and "Lurana Darden Decefed (deceased) the 18 of June 1816" (page 679 Jacob Darden Bible).

Quoting from page 35, "Jacob Darden was received into membership of the Williams Creek Baptist Church by experience January 2, 1810." The same entry in the minutes of the Williams Creek Baptist Church is that "Jacob Darden and Ramey Darden were received by experience January 20, 1810." "Ramey" was not mentioned on page 35 as it was not known at the time she was Jacob's wife. The date January 2 is a typographical error - January 20, 1810 is the correct date.

Jacob's 2nd marriage was to Phoebe Rogers. As stated on page 35 the marriage certificate in Book B, page 106, Warren County, Georgia, is dated December 31, 1817. Now the date is definitely known to be erroneous, consequently it can only be stated here that his 2nd marriage was sometime between June 18, 1816 (date of death of Luraner (Ramey) Darden, his first wife) and September 9, 1817 (date of his own death). The above mentioned marriage certificate reads, "I do certify Jacob Darden and Miss Pheobe Rogers were joined in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony by me on the 31st day of December 1817."-"Sol Lockett,J.P."

In 1815 Jacob Darden was one of the Commissioners appointed to enlarge Williams Creek Baptist Church and in the "Remnant Tax Digest - Wilkes County, Georgia, 1792-1793-1794" he is listed with 3-1/2 polls and 5 slaves. October 1, 1808 Jacob sold 200 acres on the "waters of Childers Creek" to Jonathan Smith for $300. (Deed Book B, page 586, Warren County, Georgia.)

The children of Jacob and Luraner (Hill) Darden were:

1. Probably Laodicea (Dicey) Darden-born in 1782-wife of Micajah Darden. See Addendum I.
2. Elizabeth Darden, born November 22, 1783. The Bible contains no record of the marriage of Elizabeth Darden. However, she married James Vaughn November 23, 1807 as shown in Marriage Book A, Taliaferro County, Georgia. They may have lived in Monroe County, Georgia. Elizabeth Vaughan "Died April 17 day 1812" (Page 679-Jacob Darden Bible). The Bible (page 678 lists Poly Vaughn born April 22, 1809 and Fannie H. Vaughan, born November 7, 1810. Unquestionably they were children of James Vaughan and Elizabeth (Darden) Vaughan and grandchildren of Jacob and Luraner Darden. The Bible does not record the deaths of Poly and Fannie.

The entry on page 168 of the Darden Family History, compiled by Newton Jasper Darden, concerning "Eliza Darden m. James Locket" is erroneous, no children of James Madison Darden and Drucilla (Burch) Darden are listed in the Jacob Darden Bible and James Lockett married Sarah (Sally) Darden, the sister of Elizabeth and also a daughter of Jacob and Luraner Darden.

3. William Darden-born November 20, 1784 (page 678, Jacob Darden Bible) or November 18, 1786 (pages 680 and 680A, Jacob Darden Bible), died January 22, 1841, married Lucy Lockett Stone January 22, 1818, she was born September 9, 1799 and died March 29, 1873. See below.
4. Abner Darden, "Born August 22, 1789 Lawful son of Jacob Darden and Lurenar,his wife" (page 678, Jacob Darden Bible), "Abner Darden was married february the twenty-second (22nd) Day, 1821." (Page 679, Jacob Darden Bible). Name of bride was not given, however she was Temperance Hill as stated on page 36.
5. David Darden-born July 18, 1791 (page 678, Jacob Darden Bible). See page 36.
6. Sarah (Sally) Darden-born July 17, 1793 (page 678, Jacob Darden Bible).The Jacob Darden Bible contains no other information concerning Sarah (Sally) Darden, however she married James Lockett December 10, 1810 according to Marriage Book A, Taliaferro County, Georgia. It is unknown whether any children were born of this marriage. James Lockett was an executor of the will of William Darden, his brother-in-law. The minutes of the Williams Creek Baptist Church record that "Sally Darden (now Lockett)"was received" "by experience" into its membership October 15, 1809.
7. Jefse (Jesse) Darden, born March 18, 1795, page 679 Jacob Darden Bible states "Jesse Darden's death March 1 day 1812." This date concerns an untraced son of parents not evident in the Jacob Darden Bible, or the date is erroneous as he is not Jesse, the son of Jacob Darden, as shown above, and who died between June 5, 1855 and June 9, 1856. See also page 36. Page 679, Jacob Darden Bible, states "Amandy Darden was Born the 14th Day of December 1821." No marriage or death of Amandy is recorded in the Bible. She probably was the slave girl given by Jesse December 13, 1828 to his "loving niece Betsey" (see page 36) and had the name Darden.

Following the names of the above mentioned children of Jacob and Luraner Darden on page 678 of the Jacob Darden Bible is the following notation "Wrote by John Smith May 7, 1805."

8. Eady Darden, page 173 of the Darden Family History, compiled by Newton Jasper Darden, lists Eady as a daughter of Jacob Darden. Also, Jesse Darden, son of Jacob and Luraner Darden as shown above, on December 13, 1828 deeded to his "loving niece Betsey Darden," daughter of his sister Eady Darden, "a certain negro girl by the name of Amanda." The Darden Family History does not give the source of this information that Eady was a daughter of Jacob but the above reference to her in the deed of December 13, 1828 mentioned above does identify her as a daughter of Jacob as Jesse was a son of Jacob. The Jacob Darden Bible does not list a daughter named Eady and the compiler's research in county records

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revealed much information about her but nothing that would identify her as a daughter of Jacob and Luraner Darden. As Eady was a daughter of Jacob and Luraner Darden and was neither Elizabeth nor Sarah by nickname and married Jethro Darden, Jr. (son of Stephen5 Darden and Ann Darden, born about 1795) on May 9, 1815, she evidently was Jacob and Luraner's youngest child probably born in 1797 and married Jethro Darden, Jr., when about eighteen years of age. Why Eady was not listed in the Jacob Darden Bible is of course unknown. All of the children mentioned above with the exception of Laodicea (Dicey) and Eady are recorded in page 678 of the Jacob Darden Bible.

WILLIAM DARDEN

William Darden the eldest child of Jacob Darden and Luraner (Hill) Darden, was born November 20, 1784 according to page678, Jacob Darden Bible. Page 680, Jacob Darden Bible, shows "William Darden born November 18, 1786." Page 680A, Jacob Darden Bible, states "William Darden was born November 18, 1786." Page 680F, (Jacob Darden Bible)records that "William Darden departed this life the 22d of January 1841." He died at Johnstonville,Monroe County, Georgia.

"William Darden and Lucy L. Stone was married January 22nd 1818" (page 680A Jacob Darden Bible). Also, "William Darden, Lucy his wife Married January 22, 1818" (page 680, Jacob Darden Bible), "Lucy L. Darden born Sept. 9, 1799" (page 680, Jacob Darden Bible), and "Lucy L. Stone was born Sept. 9, 1799"(page 680 A, Jacob Darden Bible). The Jacob Darden Bible does not give the date of death of Lucy Lockett Stone Darden but information furnished by Mrs. W.A. Smith, Route 3, Barnesville, Georgia, gives the date of her death as March 29, 1872/3 at Johnstonville, Monroe County, Georgia.

William Darden made a will January 17, 1841-probated May 6, 1841, named as executors wife Lucy L. Darden, son William F. Darden, and James Lockett-witnesses: Reuben Brown, Edward White, James White. (Records, Ordinary's Office, Monroe County,Georgia). James Lockett married Sarah (Sally) Darden, a sister of William Darden as shown above, consequently he was William's brother-in-law and not his son-in-law as some seem to think.

Page 168, Darden Family History, lists William Darden, born in Virginia November 18, 1786, as the youngest child of James Madison Darden and Drucilla (Burch) Darden. That is erroneous as the Jacob Darden Bible lists William Darden-born November 18/20, 1784/86 as the son of Jacob Darden. In this connection page168, Darden Family History, names seven additional persons as being children of James Madison Darden and Drucilla (Burch) Darden. Some of them may have been their children but not one of them is recorded in the Jacob Darden Bible.

The children of William Darden and Lucy Lockett Stone Darden were:

1. Uriah M. Darden, born November 25, 1818 (pages 680,680A,680C) Jacob Darden Bible),died March 29, 1848 (page 680F,Jacob Darden Bible), married March 25, 1839 (page 677, Jacob Darden Bible), name of bride unknown. Uriah was a veteran of the Mexican War.

2. William Franklin Darden-born July 15, 1820, married Catherine (Kitty) Ogletree Phinazee September 17, 1844, died March 20, 1900.
Catherine Phinazee was born July 11, 1826 and died December 28, 1893. See below.

3. John Holland Darden, born November 21, 1822, pages 680,681, "Jacob Darden Bible",married Mary Elizabeth Reeves, date of marriage unknown-died January 6, 1897. "The Jacob Darden Bible"gives the date of John Holland Darden's death as December 25, 1853, which is erroneous. Mary Elizabeth Reeves was born in August, 1829, in Monroe County, Georgia, and died March 19, 1884 near Haynesville, La.
Their children were: Mary Wych Darden, born July 1849, William Frederick Darden, born April 15, 1851, died July 3, 1891; John Henry Darden, born June 1853, died August 19, 1853; George Edmond Darden, date of birth unknown, died about 1862; Henry Gray Darden, died young; Frank Monroe Darden, born July 3, 1861, date of death unknown; Lucy Holland Darden, born April 20, 1863, date of death unknown; Rebecca Gray Darden, born in 1866 and died young.

4. Sarah Ann Eliza Darden, born January 25, 1825, page 680, Jacob Darden Bible",or February 25, 1825 (page 680A,"Jacob Darden Bible",married Thomas B. Fambro January 20, 1842 page 677."Jacob Darden Bible". Page 686 of the"Jacob Darden Bible"records that "Sarah Ann Elizar Fambrough departed this Life the 20th of December 1842." Dates of birth and death of Thomas B. Fambro (Fambrough) are unknown. One child was born of this marriage, a son, James F. Fambro-born October 20, 1842, page 680 B,"Jacob Darden Bible", died in Civil War March 18, 1864, page 680 F,"Jacob Darden Bible".

5. Mary Pride Darden, born July 22, 1827, pages 680, 680A, "Jacob Darden Bible", died February 8, 1865, married June 29, 1844 Pleasant Cuthbert Collier (marriage records, Monroe County, Georgia), born 1820, died 1885 in Haynesville, La., where they made their home. They had eight children, five of whom are listed on page 680 B,"Jacob Darden Bible", as follows: Ann E. Collier, born April 28, 1847; Sarah D. Collier, born June 15, 1849; William C. Collier, born May 12, 1852; Felix L. Collier, born October 29, 1854, died in 1884, page 680F,"Jacob Darden Bible"; Pompey Collier, born September 2, 1855.

6. Augustus Monroe Darden, born January 26, 1832 pages 680, 680 A, Jacob Darden Bible", married Martha Jane Duke in 1855. "Augustus M. Darden departed this Life July the 13, 1862" page 680 F,"Jacob Darden Bible".Page 168 Darden Family History states, "A. Monroe Darden, born January 1, 1838, died March 9, 1899 at Cleburn,Texas." (Evidently an error). They had five children as follows: (a) Ula G. Darden, born August 9, 1857 (?) (page 680 B, Jacob Darden Bible), married Z.T.LeSueur and had seven children; (b) Luraney E. Darden (Lou Ella) born 1856. Died August 4, 1862 (page 680 F, Jacob Darden Bible); (c) Nanney Lockett Darden, born April 17, 1858; (d) Mary Lucy Darden, born March 10, 1860, married J.T. Gardner March 19, 1876; (e) William A. Darden, born June 1, 1862. The minutes of the Union Primitive Baptist Church contain the following: August 25, 1855 "A.M.

Darden came forward and related his experience and was received." December 26, 1863, "A.M. Darden's death reported. A.M. Darden and William R. Hilton, members of the Primitive Baptist Church at Union have died in the sacred cause of Liberty and in the Independence of the Confederate States of America as Christian patriots. Bro. Darden in the fight of Murfreesboro, Tenn. 1862."

7. James W. Darden, born November 22, 1829 (pages 680, 680A, Jacob Darden Bible), died February 11, 1831 (pages 679, 680 E, Jacob Darden Bible).

8. Lucy L.C. Darden, born September 26, 1835 (page 680, Jacob Darden Bible), died June 23, 1892, married 1st Thomas M. Fambro in 1853 who was born in 1833 and died in 1867. Six children were born of this marriage which included Mary Lucy Fambro, born May 14, 1857 (page 680 B, Jacob Darden Bible), married Lark Farley; Amanda Fambro, born October 18, 1855 (page 680 B, Jacob Darden Bible), died July 5, 1911, married John H. Darden, her cousin, who was born October 27, 1847 and died December 16, 1894, Lucy L.C. Darden, married 2nd John Marlin Collier, born 1832, died 1900.

9. Osborn (Ausborn) Darden, born May 17, 1837 (page 680 A, Jacob Darden Bible), died January 2, 1891.

10. Martha Ann Lurane (Lou Rena) Darden, born August 30, 1840 (pages 680, 680B, Jacob Darden Bible), married James Ogletree of Forsyth, Georgia, died October 26, 1895 (page 680A, Jacob Darden Bible). Their children included M. W. Ogletree, born October 4, 1860; A.M. Ogletree, born October 3, 1862; J.H. Ogletree, born September 6, 1864; Thomas Jefferson Ogletree, born October 8, 1866, died June 1915. See below. P.M. Ogletree, born October 8, 1866; N.O. Ogletree, born February 1, 1875; L.H. Ogletree, born April 3, 1877; and one daughter name unknown, who married Josh Bankston. Their children included: (a) Lucie Bankston, born December 16, 1881; (b) an unnamed child, born September 5, 1884; (c) Nellie Bankston, born July 1, 1886; (d) Annie Bankston, born April 20, 1888; (e) Bessie Bankston, born December 27, 1892; all as shown on page 680 C, Jacob Darden Bible and one son, J.W. Bankston.

Note: Page 680 C, Jacob Darden Bible, lists all of the above mentioned children of Martha Ann Lurane (Darden) Ogletree and James Ogletree except Thomas Jefferson Ogletree. Information concerning Thomas Jefferson Ogletree was furnished by J. Clay Ogletree, Sr. (his son), of Barnesville, Georgia, the present owner of the Jacob Darden Bible. It is to be noted the birth dates of Thomas Jefferson Ogletree and P.M. Ogletree are October 8, 1866. J. Clay Ogletree, Sr., informed he has no knowledge or record of P. M. Ogletree. Consequently it could be that P.M. Ogletree was a twin of Thomas Jefferson Ogletree and died in infancy or that the entry in the Jacob Darden Bible is erroneous.

In a letter J. Clay Ogletree, Sr., March 15, 1965, he stated his father, Thomas Jefferson Ogletree " had three bro. and one sister" but the name of the sister was not given - it is probable she is one of the Ogletree children

listed in the Jacob Darden Bible, as shown above but is not readily identified as the Bible does not mention any given names of the Ogletree children.

Also, his letter stated that his father's sister married Josh Bankston and "they had one boy and three girls. Boy's name was J. W. Bankston. Girls' names were Lucie, Anne, and Bessie." The Jacob Darden Bible does not list a J. W. Bankston but does list the names of the three girls shown immediately above and in addition Nellie Bankston and an unnamed child born September 15, 1884. Compiler.

Thomas Jefferson Ogletree

Thomas Jefferson Ogletree (son of James Ogletree and Martha Ann Lurane Darden Ogletree)- born October 8, 1866, died June 1915, married Eunice Lambdin Matthews, born September 6, 1886, died April 23, 1934. Their children:

1. James Clay Ogletree, born October 17, 1898, married May 29, 1937 Hazelle Marie Backer, born June 3, 1907. They had the following children: (a) Thomas Alton Ogletree, born July 30, 1938, married November 26, 1960 Judy Doster, born December 3, 1942. They had three children by adoption. (b) James Clay Ogletree, Jr.,born April 24, 1943, married December 15, 1963 Brenda Louise O'Hearn, born August 8, 1944. They had one daughter, Dawn Carlette Ogletree, born March 4, 1965.
2. Frank Matthews Ogletree, born June 15, 1901, married August 20, 1927; Coy Frances Fussell, born May 22, 1910. They had one son, Frank Matthews Ogletree, II, born July 8, 1930, married Jo Ann Garrett, born July 15, 1929. They had one son.
3. William (Willie) Merrell Ogletree, born August 10, 1903, died December 31, 1954.
4. Thomas Julian Ogletree, born June 3, 1906, married August 17, 1939 Kati Nell Holmes, born April 20, 1914. Their children: (a) William Clay Ogletree, born August 19, 1941, married July 18, 1964 Sandra Paulette Williams; (b) Linda Kate Ogletree, born October 9, 1946; (c) Brenda Kay Ogletree, born October 9, 1946.
5. Rolli Lou Ogletree, born September 21, 1909, married John Melton Lewis, born March 1, 1906. They had one son, James Harold Lewis, born April 29, 1931, married Wanza Cauthen, born August 4, 1937 in Montgomery, Alabama, and, in 1965, they had two children.
6. Frances Miriam Ogletree, born November 21, 1911.
7. Eunice Lambdin Ogletree, born April 30, 1914, married Clarence Eugene Suggs, born November 24, 1912. Their children: (a) Clarence Eugene Suggs, Jr., born March 2, 1937 who married Betty Hamilton; (b) David Andrew Suggs, born July 29, 1940; (c) Julian Ernest Suggs, born September 29, 1943, married February 20, 1965 Dorothy Dilittle, born May 30, 1944.

## WILLIAM FRANKLIN DARDEN

William Franklin Darden, the second son of William Darden and Lucy Lockett Stone Darden, was born July 15, 1820 (pages 680, 680 A, Jacob Darden Bible), married Catherine (Kitty) Ogletree Phinazee September 17, 1844, died March 20, 1900 at Unionville, Monroe County, Georgia. Catharine Phinazee was born July 11, 1826 and died December 28, 1893. She was the daughter of Rev. Hiram Phinazee whose father was John Phinazee, born Cork County, Ireland in 1760 and came to America at age 10. Rev. Hiram Phinazee was one of the founders of the Congregational Methodist Church May 8, 1852 in the parlors of the Muckleberry Merrit home in Monroe County. Both William F. Darden and Catherine Darden were members of the Mt. Zion Congregational Methodist Church. He was tax receiver of Monroe County, Georgia, for many years. Their children were:

1. William Hiram Darden, born June 25, 1845, married Mary E. Sutton, September 8, 1864, died July 20, 1912. Mary Sutton was born June 30, 1844 and died August 27, 1916. See below.
2. James Madison Darden - born June 30. 1846, married Lucy White of High Falls, Georgia, 1870/1875, died April 13, 1931. Lucy White was born January 15, 1850 and died March 30,1924. They had no children. James Madison Darden was a member of the Board of County Commissioners and the Georgia State Legislature. He joined the Providence Congregational Methodist Church in 1881.
3. John H. Darden, born October 27, 1847, married his cousin Amanda Fambro of Forsyth, Georgia, about 1880, died December 16, 1894. Amanda Fambro was born October 19, 1855 and died July 5, 1911. Two daughters Lucy Hill Darden (married ____ Baucum and lived in Haynesville, La.) and Innocense Darden who died young, and a son Purvis Darden, were born to this union. John H. Darden joined the Providence Congregational Methodist Church in 1881.
4. Sarah (Sally) Darden, born February 20, 1849, married 1st Anderson Burt. They had three children: (a) Kittie Burt married Paul Flynt and had a daughter who married Jack Langford; (b) Charles Burt married Lulu Harper; (c) Luther Burt married Mary Lou Maddox. Sarha Darden married 2nd George H. Worthington, born March 13, 1832, died June 4, 1909. They had one daughter Vevie Worthington who married Robert Wheaton of Griffin, Georgia, and sons Jack Worthington, and Nick Worthington who died young. Sarah (Darden) Worthington, died March 19, 1910.
5. Mary Lee Darden, born May 13, 1867, married Rev. W.A. Harper, died January 30, 1957. Rev. W. A. Harper was born March 13, 1863, died April 19, 1918. Mary Lee joined the Providence Congregational Methodist Church in 1881.

## WILLIAM HIRAM DARDEN

William Hiram Darden, eldest child of William Franklin Darden and Catherine (Kitty) Ogletree Phinazee Darden, born June 25, 1845 at Unionville, Monroe County, Georgia, married Mary E. Sutton September 8, 1864, died July 20, 1912. Mary

Sutton was born June 30, 1844 and died August 27, 1916. Their children were:

1. Sarah (Sallie) Bird Darden, born June 15, 1866, married Thomas Edmund Mullins in 1884, died December 2, 1902. Thomas Mullins was born February 2, 1859 and died November 16, 1929. Their children were: (a) Minnie Estelle Mullins, born August 19, 1886, died March 29, 1965, married Ernest Phillip Maddox, born January 13, 1879, died March 31, 1946; (b) Thomas Albert Mullins, born April 1, 1888, died March 14, 1964, married December 3, 1909 Sallie Mae Dumas who was born May 1, 1892. They had five children; (c) Lizzie Bird Mullins, born June 23, 1890, married George Vester Butler October 27, 1907 who was born July 18, 1886. They had three children; (d) Alma Mullins, born September 16, 1893, died March 27, 1921, married Jesse Ray Johnston and had three children; (e) Walter Pearl Mullins, born July 5, 1897, died April 16, 1954 in an automobile accident in Fresno, California; (f) Darden Mullins, born May 2, 1900, died November 1, 1946.
2. Thomas Wilbur Darden, born August 20, 1867, died August 13, 1939.
3. Benjamin Franklin Darden, born October 7, 1869, died February 2, 1946, married September, 1939, Mrs. Ruby Faggart. They lived in Atlanta, Georgia.
4. John Jacob Darden, born March 11, 1871, died July 17, 1929, married Zodie Mae Tingle who was born September 20, 1889. There were five children born of this marriage: (a) Minnie Browning Darden, born September 10, 1911, married Lake Baxter Dunn. They had two sons, Clyde Dunn and Lake Baxter Dunn, Jr., and were living in Putnam County, Georgia in 1965; (b) John Thomas Darden, born June 5, 1913, married 1st Eva Burbank of Hoxie, Arkansas, in 1934 and had six children: Tommy Jean, born April 23, 1935; John Jay, born November 4, 1936, died October 4, 1949; David Douglas, born October 7, 1938; Ruth Dianne, born February 19, 1940; Ronald Anthony and Donald, twins born June 3, 1941. Donald died in infancy. Married 2nd Melba Margaret McBride, they had four children, Lawrence Ray, Melba Ann, Donald, and Brenda Joyce. Donald became a member of the family of his aunt, Ruth Darden Cain, in his childhood, and in 1965 was a cadet in the U.S. Air Force Academy, Denver, Colorado, under his adopted name Donald Darden Cain. Thomas Darden married 3rd Martha Carden McKinnon and had two children Deborah Louann and Leslie Dawn. (c) William Harris Darden, born February 12, 1915, married Doris Newton and had one child, Marsha Elizabeth Darden; (d) Edna Mae Darden, born April 10, 1919, married James Phillip Brown; (e) Ruth Louise Darden, born January 28, 1922, married Quenton E. (Johnnie) Cain. They had one child Sandra Ruth Cain.
5. George Washington Darden- born January 31, 1873, died September 18, 1945. Twin of Andrew Jackson Darden.
6. Andrew Jackson Darden, twin of George Washington Darden, born January 31, 1873, died August 9, 1873.
7. Madison Lee (Matt) Darden, born November 2, 1874, died January 15, 1935, married Ada Lucille Ferguson, born September

7. 17, 1877, died April 17, 1953. Their children: (a) Mary Rice Darden, born December 20, 1903, married Charles Weaver and had a daughter, Betty Weaver, who married Jack Scott. Charles Weaver and Mary Rice (Darden) Weaver lived in Alamogordo, New Mexico; (b) Frances Lucille Darden, born November 24, 1906, married William Joel Ham, January 1926 who was born May 3, 1905. Their children: Gladelle Ham, born February 7, 1927, married Richard Verzyl; William Joel Ham, Jr., born July 25, 1929, married Freda Francine Spier; James Harold Ham, born May 31, 1931, married Sarah Brown. Frances and William Ham were living in Forsyth, Georgia, in 1965. (c) James Madison Darden, born June 19, 1909, married Helen Holloway; (d) Dorothy Louise Darden, born February 1, 1912, married 1st Leslie Sanders, married 2nd J. W. Falley of Alamogordo, New Mexico, where she was living in 1965; (e) George William Darden, born May 26, 1916, married Velva Dunagun. They were living in Forsyth, Georgia, in 1965.

8. Walter Robert (Dock) Darden, born April 22, 1877, died May 16, 1950, married Kittie Godard, born September 1, 1882, died October 15, 1929. Their children: (a) James William Darden, married Mary Quarles Marston; (b) Walter Franklin Darden, born September 18, 1911, died December 5, 1952, married December 16, 1934 Myrtle Cathleen Gulledge; (c) Kittie Jewell Darden, born September 19, 1914, married January 6, 1935 Elder B.F. Young.

9. Dollie O. Darden, born March 9, 1879, died April 6, 1881.

10. Hiram Phirazee ("H") Darden, born July 28, 1881, died December 4, 1924, married Leila Clyde Dumas, born August 25, 1883, died September 3, 1960. Their children: (a) Harry Dumas Darden, married Carrie English; (b) Hazel Darden, born August 22, 1910, died September 30, 1911; (c) Grover Hiram Darden, born May 9, 1917, married Flora Sipller, born August 15, 1922; (d) Walter Lewis Darden, born July 21, 1918, married August 26, 1960 Birdie Jane Niblett, born April 5, 1937; (e) Nellie Gray Darden, born March 27, 1920, married Robert Claude Bevil.

11. Grover Cleveland Darden, born May 3, 1883, died March 18, 1885.

12. Kittie Gray Darden, born April 27, 1885 in Unionville, Monroe County, Georgia, married January 16, 1910 Benjamin Aytch Dumas, born October 25, 1878 in Goggins, Monroe County, Georgia, died May 13, 1949 in Lamar County, Georgia. Two children were born of this marriage: a son Hiram Edmond Dumas, born July 1, 1911, died July 14, 1912 and a daughter Mary Catherine Dumas, born October 8, 1913 in Monroe County, Georgia, married William Andrew Smith, son of William Christopher Smith and Seneca Alberta (Moore) Smith, born April 22, 1914. Mary and Andrew had three children: (a) Elizabeth Kathryn Smith, born October 27, 1939, married Curtis Willie Black, born August 24, 1938; (b) Rosalyn Marie Smith, born August 1, 1942, married Randall Byron Sitz, born June 3, 1941; (c) Walter Aytch Smith, born June 1, 1952. Mary and Andrew were living in

Lamar County, Georgia, in 1965, with her mother Kittie Gray (Darden) Dumas.

Note:

As a side line to all of the foregoing it is interesting to note that entries in the Jacob Darden Bible include the names of several slaves with their birth dates and the names of their mothers. All of the slaves whose birth dates are given were born after the death of Jacob Darden in 1817 and there is no identifying ownership.

Much information in this addendum was furnished by Mrs. William Andrew (Mary Dumas) Smith and unless indicated otherwise the data shown herein is the result of years of research on her part and to her the Compiler extends grateful thanks.

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